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CONVENTION'S NEW PRESIDENT

In the election of Pat Morris Neff as its first layman president since 1910, the Southern Baptist Convention named a leader whose life has been dedicated to temperance, Christian education, civic righteousness and world peace.



PAT MORRIS NEFF

League of America in 1934.

Since 1932, he has been president of Baylor University, the largest Baptist school in the world and the only now-existent institution chartered by the historic Republic of Texas. He is a clear thinker, a leader in church, state and educational affairs and one of the last remaining golden-tongued orators.

William Jennings Bryan once termed him as the "South's best bet" for the White House, but Neff chose private life when he stepped from the Texas governor's chair in 1924. He had served two terms.

As president of Baylor, Neff feels he is serving humanity by training the youth of the land and repeatedly has denied interest in high governmental posts. He is proud of "my class," the compulsory chapel to which more than 2,000 Baylor students come each school day.

He has brought the university out of debt, has more than doubled the student body, has increased the university's physical possessions by around \$2,000,000, and built up the largest teaching staff in Baylor's history.

Born on a central Texas farm, Neff gained his early education by attending school a few months each year "between crops." It was while riding a wagon load of cotton into Waco that he first saw Baylor University. He took the proceeds of that crop and entered Baylor Academy that fall.

In Baylor he was a classmate of United States Senator Tom Connally and a roommate of the late Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks. Brooks later served as president of the school while Neff, for twenty-five years, was president of its Board of Trustees. Neff succeeded to the university's presidency at Brooks' death.

Entering law practice in Waco, Neff gained membership in the Texas House of Representatives in 1901, and was the youngest speaker of the house in 'Texas' history. He served as a hard-hitting prosecuting attorney of McLennan county from 1906 to 1912, and for the next nine years engaged in general law practice.

Then, in 1921, without fanfare or the backing of a political machine, he launched a successful campaign for governor. He visited every county in the far-extended state, traveling by horseback, buggy, automobile and airplane, and making his speeches ring with old-fashioned oratory.

As governor, he founded the Texas State Park program, now with several million acres the largest state park system in the nation; created the State Historical Board, caused the state song "Texas, Our Texas" to be written, abolished the Board of pardons, encouraged industry and education, and twelve years in advance set up machinery for the

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DR. GILLESPIE PROTESTS SUNDAY MOVIES

TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON AND HINDS COUNTY:

So far as I know, no adequate opportunity has been given for expression of public opinion concerning the opening of Sunday moving picture shows in Jackson and Hinds county.

In my judgment, this is a matter of too great importance to be passed over lightly. Believing that nothing is ever settled until it is settled right, I feel that an outright expression of sentiment from the law-abiding citizens of the community is needed at this time. I have, therefore, taken upon myself the responsibility of preparing a formal statement which expresses my personal convictions concerning this matter, which statement is submitted herewith.

Citizens, or groups of citizens, who can approve this statement and are willing to have their names signed to it, are asked to communicate with me by postcard or letter, or in some other way.

If it is deemed advisable, a mass meeting of citizens of the town and county will be called to consider what further steps, if any, should be taken in connection with this matter.

G. T. GILLESPIE,

Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss.

A Public Statement

We, the undersigned citizens of Jackson and Hinds county hereby protest respectfully, but very earnest against the decision recently announced by our public officials to permit the operation of

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE HONORS SECRETARY McCALL

At the recent commencement exercises of Mississippi College the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Secretary D. A. (Scotchie) McCall. It was an honor worthily bestowed, and we



DR. D. A. McCALL

feel certain that in honoring Dr. McCall, Mississippi College honored itself by adding to its list of degree holders Mississippi's own "Scotchie" McCall.

In receiving this honor, Dr. McCall, modest to the extreme, said, regarding gains in all phases of the Baptist work,

"It is because of the goodness of God, and the cooperation of the brethren."

—BR—

Requests for Testaments by servicemen to chaplains and clergymen at USO centers has increased nearly 50 percent in the past few months. The American Bible Society reported that its daily issuance is now 9,000, or 4,000 more than in the early spring. The clergy is requested to distribute these books only on request. Both chaplains and local ministers continue to send in so many orders and reorders that, according to the Bible Society, the presses are working overtime and books are being shipped the day they are bound. An increase of nearly three-quarters of a million volumes of Scripture in one year is reported by the society, accredited largely to the demands of the servicemen.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT



T. M. HEDERMAN, SR.

—BR—

DR. E. D. HEAD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

By Jeff D. Ray

It goes without saying that there is unusual sorrow that, because of broken health, a condition brought about mainly by over-strenuous devotion to denominational activities, Dr. Scarborough should feel impelled to resign the presidency of the Southwestern Theological Seminary. He goes to the Lower Rio Grande Valley where he will have general oversight of the Seminary's citrus fruit groves. It is confidently expected that being relieved of heavy Seminary responsibilities and having a congenial occupation taking him into the open with a sense of continued service to the Seminary he will make a successful return to normalcy. Certainly the affection and prayers of multiplied thousands will follow him in his new task.

There seems to be among all our people very hearty approval of the choice of Dr. E. D. Head, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Houston, to succeed him. Before his election there was a very general feeling in his favor. Now that he has indicated his acceptance there seems to be a universal sense of satisfaction concerning the future of the Seminary.

Dr. Head was reared in a godly home in Louisiana. He received his college education in Baylor where he took both A. B. and A. M., and his Seminary training in Southwestern where he took both Th.M. and Th.D. Two years as student assistant and twelve years as full professor he taught Bible in Baylor. He has been pastor of First Church, Houston, ten years and has shown himself a master workman in a very difficult situation. He is a forceful writer, an unusually strong preacher, much in demand in our Baptist encampments, successful in evangelistic work and popular as a speaker on civic programs. He is a man of unusual poise and foresight, thoroughly sound in the faith, and devotedly loyal to every phase of our denominational work. He is 49 years old. His wife is a highly cultured woman. Before their marriage fifteen years ago she was director of young people's work in First Church, Dallas. As one reviews their lives and evaluates their gifts he cannot resist the feeling that along the years God has been preparing them for this vitally important world-girdling task.

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The Southern Baptist Convention goes to Memphis next year, with the Convention preacher, Dr. John H. Buchanan of the Southside church of Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Buchanan is a Mississippian and was graduated from Mississippi College in 1910.

Mr. T. M. Hederman, Sr., has rendered splendid service to his denomination in various ways. In recent years he has presided as President of the Mississippi College Trustees, joining others in leading that institution to a large place of service.

Mr. Hederman is a leading editor and publisher, an outstanding churchman, and a Christian statesman.

Sparks and Splinters

I was for six days with Pastor Meadows in a stewardship revival in the church at Clara. The effort was made to build up the church members. The congregations were good and very attentive. The pastor came to us from North Carolina by way of the Baptist Bible Institute. He is doing a fine work and the people love and follow him. There were five additions by letter. The singing was excellent, led by the pastor. The people were hospitable, including members of other denominations. Good was done in house to house visitation. Many expressed a purpose to live closer to God.—P. I. Lipsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hill Cooke announce the marriage of their daughter, Anne Goddin, to Mr. Thomas Benjamin Bussey on Thursday, May the twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-two, Memphis, Tennessee.

The annual revival meeting at Mendenhall closed the second Sunday night in May. Dr. W. L. Holcomb of Prentiss was the preacher, and Prof. Vernon May, who is superintendent of education in Simpson county, was the singer. The meeting was good from the start. Dr. Holcomb is a great Gospel preacher and Vernon May is a good Gospel singer. Those needing evangelistic help will not make a mistake in getting either one of these men. There were thirty additions to the church during the meeting, eighteen of whom came by experience and baptism.

Chinese refugee students and teachers, many of whom live in mud huts and sleep on bare boards, have sent a gift of \$960 in Chinese currency for relief use in the churches of England. The gift was sent by Dr. Francis Cho-Min Wei, president of Central China College, in Kunming, to Rev. William Paton in New York, secretary of the new British Council for Churches, for transmission to London. Dr. Wei called the gift "a token of Christian sympathy and fellowship." The sum represents contributions from faculty members and students of Central China College and Canton Theological College, both "universities-in-exile." The givers are a part of a refugee group of approximately 52,000 who evaded capture by marching 1,500 miles from the east into the remote western provinces of China. They are pursuing their studies under severe hardships.

The Christian Advocate, under the heading, "Who Got It?" tells the following story: "An Ohio physician propounds this query, 'Our church has 1,000 families. At the lowest estimate, the average income is \$1,000 a year, which makes a total of \$1,000,000. One tenth of this is \$100,000. Our budget is \$12,000. What becomes of the \$88,000?'" The Christian Advocate here brings us a story that might be a good subject for a round-table study in every church in the United States.—Watchman-Examiner.

Schlatter has the Super EVERY FAMILY Plan. According to Pastor Engell they are sending The Baptist Record to every Baptist family in the community whether they are members of Schlatter church or not.

Herman Tabb, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Tabb, of Wesson, and Miss Lula Mae Garrett of Kilmichael, were married on May 9, at the home of Rev. Tabb, who officiated. The young folks are at home to their friends at 313 Mississippi street, Jackson.

WHITESAND: The people at Whitesand appreciate The Record, and it gives them encouragement to do better when an article from their church appears.—Joe W. Hudson, pastor.

WANILLA: We had two additions Sunday night. We have launched a building program to build a five room Sunday school annex and have raised about two-thirds of the amount needed.—Reporter.

Plans are being completed for Daily Vacation Bible school at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning June 8 and continuing through June 19. Miss Rebecca Davis is principal of the school. The superintendents of the various departments are as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Fred James. Primary: Mrs. W. V. Westbrook. Junior No. 1: Miss Frances Allred. Junior No. 2: Mrs. T. V. Shannon. Intermediate: Miss Alice Everitt.

Dr. Otho A. Eure has accepted the call of Calvary church in Greenwood and will begin his pastorate there on June 1. It will be unnecessary for Dr. Eure to subscribe to The Record. He is leaving an EVERY FAMILY church and going to an EVERY FAMILY church.

Rev. L. M. Bratcher reports that the work of home missions in Brazil is going forward. One new couple has been appointed by the Brazilian Board and two other couples are awaiting appointments. The budget for April was a little over three hundred dollars. Out of this 50,000 copies of the gospels were bought, and two outboard motors for use on the great rivers. Mr. Bratcher says: "A heart-breaking appeal has just come from one of the most idolatrous places in the Sertae, asking for a worker. Please pray with us that we shall find the man and the means to support him. It will cost us twenty-five dollars per month to send him."

Bethesda Church (Jefferson county) will have a revival the third week in August. Visiting preacher will be Rev. Herbert Herrington, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Jackson. Rev. J. E. Drane is pastor of Bethesda church.

Silver Creek, Pike County Association, Has Training School—The first week in May was set for the "take off" of five great passenger planes at the Silver Creek church. The five planes were five classes for the Training Union members. The Story Hour was piloted by Mrs. Roy Simmons; the Juniors by Mrs. J. E. McCraw; the Intermediates No. 1 by Mrs. J. A. Terrell; the Intermediates No. 2 by Alton Reeves; the Seniors and Adults by the pastor, Rev. J. E. McCraw. The enrollment reached near the one hundred mark, with 50 taking the examination.—(Rev.) J. A. Terrell.

The Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., has recently had Chester Swor of Clinton, Miss., with them in a youth revival. Surely, Mr. Swor is the outstanding speaker to young people in America today. He thrilled both young and old with his messages and made all of our young people see religion in its most attractive form. We believe that many of these young people will be great Christian leaders in the years to come because of their contact with Mr. Swor.—W. Herschel Ford, pastor.

One good war result: Either people don't have time to play cards as much nowadays or else they make a deck last longer. Treasury collections on playing cards, which are taxed 13 cents a deck, have been declining recently.

DECATUR: While attending the Southern Baptist Convention the church re-modelled and enlarged the garage of the parsonage. It was our happy privilege to have a woman over sixty years of age to come yesterday in our morning service upon a profession of faith. We are now in the midst of the tabulation of the results of our religious census.—C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor, Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church.

BETHEL, Jones County: We have just equipped our Beginner and Primary Departments of the Sunday school with tables and chairs. The Lord is richly blessing us as we labor for Him. Four fine young people were baptized at the close of the morning service last Sunday. Two adults came at the evening service.—Gaston G. Mooney, pastor.

Rev. E. I. Farr has moved from Sandersville to Agricola. He is now pastor at Agricola and Shady Grove. A new parsonage has recently been completed at Agricola. This is the fourth parsonage that has been built under the leadership of Pastor Farr.

The Vacation Bible Schools at Enterprise and Stonewall Baptist Churches have been held. At Enterprise we enrolled 64; the average attendance was 56 for the week. There were eight on professions of faith in Christ. We were assisted by Miss Evelyn Moore and a splendid faculty from the community.—S. I. Smith, pastor.

Calvary Church, Jackson: About twenty-five nurses from the Charity Hospital will be guests at the morning service at Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, June 7th. Dr. Claude B. Bowen will bring the baccalaureate sermon at that time for the graduates.

In some way a recent article in The Record was credited to Chaplain John A. Bryant. It should have been James A. Bryant. As this is the first mistake we have made this year, we humbly apologize.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"ESCAPE"

Being a pastor gets to be an exhausting experience. If one is really a pastor, a shepherd of souls who seeks to minister as his Master would have him to minister to them, has his mind and heart constantly filled with anxiety and burdens. He has a vast number of appeals for the use of his time, interest, and strength that are of no value. The work that needs to be done crowds upon his conscience. He lives with trial and tragedy. Sickness, sorrow, and sin are his daily familiars. The stubborn contrariness of some of the self-willed saints adds to his adversity.

Again and again the escape impulse stirs vigorously within him. He wants an easier post. This is why so many pastors get restless and want a change of field. They hope that somehow the load will not be as heavy in another place.

There is not a preacher in all the world but who, dozens of times, has wished within his heart that he could be relieved of the burdens that crush his soul. Many of them dream of the day when they will be old enough to retire decently. This is because they have no respite from the burdens that break their hearts.

Some preachers do not care. They chill their hearts with selfish unconcern. While they are not bothered, others were not helped.

Those of us who take seriously our obligations to Christ and the souls of our people, have these moments when the escape impulse within us is strong, but the Lord's grace renews our strength and we press on.

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FEW CONGRESSMEN ATTEND CHURCH

One leading denomination is making a special effort to persuade the congressmen of that denomination to attend church. With a few exceptions, our law-makers profess to be too busy or out of the city on Sunday too much to attend services here. It is a matter of common knowledge, however that breakfasts held at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning by society leaders are well attended by congressmen. The newspapers reported that a good many of our government officials learned of the Pearl Harbor disaster at a cocktail party on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7.—Edward Hughes Pruden, in Christian Century. (Dr. Pruden is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.)

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HOW A SICK BOY OF BERMUDA FOUND JESUS

Edrie Hatton

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana

One very hot afternoon as I finished telling a group of boys and girls about Jesus some one called me. I went to the door to find a kind lady with an anxious face waiting for me.

She said, "Will you come and tell my little sick neighbor what you are telling these children? He is too weak to walk here." (These boys and girls of Bermuda Islands do not have cars to ride in as you do.) I went to the sick boy's house. He was surprised, but happy to see me. I read to him the story of "Jesus receiving little children" (Matt. 19:13-15, open your Bible and read it) and many other loving things Jesus did. I gave him a pretty picture and a nice story about Jesus. Then I took his thin hot hand in my hand. We closed our eyes and talked to Jesus about him being sick. When we had finished praying I had to go to tell some more boys and girls about Jesus.

About a month later I went to see him. He was weaker and hotter than he was the first time, but welcomed me with an outstretched hand, and a happy smile on his pale face, and said, "Jesus has made me happy on the inside and I shall soon be with Him."

Won't you let Jesus come into your heart like this sick boy did? (Close your eyes and ask Jesus to forgive your sins and cleanse your heart.) Now will you tell some other boy or girl what Jesus did for your heart, and what he can do for theirs if they will let Him?

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

A lighthouse keeper on the Atlantic was asked for some oil by a father that his son might study, and that the mother might see to wait on the baby. He gave the oil but the next evening he went to the container to get oil to keep the light in the tower burning. The can contained only a few drops. A storm was raging. The light went out at midnight. A vessel went on the rock. One hundred lives were lost.

As the lighthouse keeper told of his acts of charity, the authorities discharged him with these words, "These things were fine, but your main business was to keep the light burning."

We, in the churches, and in the denomination need to realize that the service club, the fraternity, the "Y," the Anti-Saloon League, the U. S. O., and infinitum, may be all right after a fashion. However, we recall that God Almighty in Christ did not launch these, but rather His church, nearly two thousand years ago, with the stated marching order—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Are we burning up our energies, wasting our time, dissipating His finances with a 1,001 things, or are we "keeping the light of Jesus burning"? There is the main thing, and there are other things!

But ONE thing I DO." Phil. 3:13.

II

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Faculty Members

Board of Trustees

Attn: Dr. D. M. Nelson, President,

Clinton, Mississippi

Dear Doctor Nelson:

I thank you most sincerely for the generosity and good will expressed in the bestowal of the award. There is little merit on my own part, but I thank you, and may Heaven's best blessings be yours.

I know a miracle of grace. There was a mischievous boy, just leaving his fifteenth year, entering Mississippi College as a "prep." That he should ever come to a great hour, as yesterday afternoon, is a miracle of grace! I lay the trophy first, at His feet!

If I may serve Him better, and His causes, evangelism, missions, Christian education and benevolences more effectively, I will be most happy.

Because it came from you and a College made great by the Lord Jesus Christ, I appreciate it all the more.

May God richly bless you and yours.

D. A. McCALL.

Psa. 121 — John 15 — Num. 6:24-26.

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CONVENTION'S NEW PRESIDENT

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Texas Centennial Celebration of 1936. He served, by appointment from President Coolidge, as a member of the National Board of Mediation in Washington.

As a Baptist layman, Neff has been an active member of the church since boyhood. For many years he was moderator of the Waco Baptist Association, and served as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, 1927-29. He was named vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1933, and once asked that his name be withdrawn when nominated for the Convention's presidency.

He was married in 1899 to Miss Myrtle Mainer of Lovelady, Texas. They have two children, Mrs. F. L. Wilcox of Waco and Patt Neff, Jr., assistant attorney general of Texas.

C. E. BRYANT, JR.

III

Hon. A. S. Bozeman, Meridian, told us it was brought out in the recent Trustees' meeting that "in the last ten years under the leadership of the Spirit of God, Mississippi College has paid her own way. Faculty members have been promptly paid, all bills cared for, no notes made, \$200,000 paid on previously made indebtedness, \$100,000 spent for improvements and equipment, and a large student body maintained."

Surely Mississippi Baptists stand in deepest appreciation for the services of Dr. D. M. Nelson, president, who is at the front in this great record. Serving with him are these fine faculty members: Drs. S. E. Cranfill, J. R. Hitt, C. W. Horner, A. A. Kitchings, W. M. Landrum, M. Latimer, S. L. Robinson, G. M. Rogers, W. O. Sadler, I. F. Simmons, H. E. Spell, W. H. Sumrall, W. F. Taylor, E. B. Thompson, A. E. Wood, and others.

All members of a loyal Board of Trustees have been consistently helpful. They are: Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Dr. Webb Brame, Hon. T. M. Hederman, Hon. A. S. Bozeman, F. M. Coleman, A. C. Puckett, Attorney General Greek Rice, Dr. J. E. Wills, Judge Harvey McGehee and Dr. R. L. Bedwell.

IV

God still speaks, as in Exodus 20:9-11: "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:

"But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

"For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

God speaks on as Leviticus 23:3: "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."

God charges in Leviticus 26:2: "Ye shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord."

God says in Isaiah 58:13-14: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shall honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

"Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy Father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken."

God's Nehemiah asks in Nehemiah 13:18: "Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath."

God's Son sets us the example in Luke 4:16: "And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the Synagogue's servants follow His example in Acts 16:13: "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither."

God's last word magnifying HIS day, Rev. 1:10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

Six boys passed the home of a fine farmer. He called them into his orchard. Seven lovely, luscious looking apples hung upon a tree. The farmer pulled the apples, one by one, giving each boy an apple. One was left upon the tree. The farmer said, "I'll let it ripen a bit more, eat it and save the seed." The boys thanked him and went on out. They turned back after going a short distance. Seeing the farmer had gone from the orchard, they slipped along the fence, sent one of the number over, stealing the last lone apple.

God has been good to man. He placed a man in a beautiful world—friends, flowers, love, happiness. He gave man six days and reserved one for a special

purpose. Notice God speaks of "My Sabbath." All time belongs to God! You may stop the watch from ticking—but time flows on!

God gave man six days! Many men have slipped around and stolen God's holy Lord's Day!

The words of God given above have stood for a long time. The bodies of those who laugh at God and despise His words will return to dust, devoured of worms in the graves of the earth.

GOD'S WORD GOES MARCHING ON!

V

Pastor O. B. Beverly's application made the 200th pastor participant in Minister Retirement in Mississippi. In addition twenty applications are pending. We make progress!

We have 341 participating churches, not counting the churches pastored by the pastors with the pending applications.

VI

We had requests last week from South Dakota for tracts as listed in The Baptist Record. That means the King's Business goes on out there. It means good news travels fast and far.

VII

We recently received a check in the amount of \$45 from the New Providence Baptist Church, Leake County. Rev. H. D. Hawkins is pastor. Mr. Elmer P. Barr is treasurer and clerk. Fifteen dollars were for the Cooperative Program. Twenty-five dollars were for the Now Club.

Brother Barr writes:

"We had hoped to be able to send more, but on March 16, 1942, a tornado almost completely demolished our church building, and coming as it did just as we had taxed our every resource over a two-year period to repair, improve, and remodel our old edifice, it dealt us a mighty severe blow. But with God's help we are slowly building back and hope to at least put a top over us before the weather gets too hot."

Think of it! Their church building "almost demolished." They do not use that Providence as an excuse for doing nothing. They do something and almost lament over their inability to do more.

We honestly feel like standing at "attention" in the presence of Christ's men and Christ's women who write such history as that!

VIII

Brother Pfeifer, Mississippi College student, is planning some splendid things for his churches. He is enthusiastic and optimistic about his work.

Brother Leroy Boland, another prominent Mississippi College student, is getting real results in his church work. He is leading his people to participate in the various phases of the work.

IX

Do we need a revival?

Consider this picture:

Someone has surmised that of the reported five million Southern Baptist church members—

- 5% do not exist,
- 10% cannot be found,
- 20% never pray,
- 25% never read the Bible,
- 30% never attend church services,
- 40% never give to any cause,
- 50% never go to Sunday school,
- 60% never to go church Sunday night,
- 70% never give to missions,
- 75% never hold any office of service,
- 80% never go to prayer meeting,
- 90% never have family worship, and
- 95% never win a soul to Christ.

"From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him." John 6:66.

X

"Somewhere in the world there's a place for you. That is all your own;

Somewhere is work that your hand can do, And yours alone.

Whether afar over land and sea, Or close at your door may the duty be, It calls for your service full and free."

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Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Brantley, Lumberton, are happy over the arrival of a new son, Daniel Calvin, on Saturday, May 23. A five year old son also shares this happiness.

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THIS IS ANARCHY

Many of our readers will recall that a determined effort was made during the recent session of the Mississippi legislature to repeal the law prohibiting Sunday moving picture shows. After a fair hearing and the invoking of all the parliamentary practices known to those advocating Sunday movies the legislature voted not to legalize Sunday movies.

However, a few Sundays later the manager of a Jackson theatre opened his theatre on Sunday. He did this knowing that he was violating the plain law of the State of Mississippi. He made the preposterous plea that he did it at the request of many patrons.

Following that line of reasoning, we respectfully ask if several citizens ask him to commit murder, rob a bank, violate womanhood, steal a car or violate any other law would he do it. Wrong is wrong and the fact that some people do not approve a law does not repeal that law.

The police department promptly arrested him and he was fined in city court. Despite the plain statement of the city judge that his act was illegal he opened his show for several Sundays and was as promptly arrested. This was nothing but brazen defiance of the law. If it is right for one man to openly defy our laws it is right for others.

The case or cases were appealed to the county court. And there no effort was made to prove innocent but the act was admitted. The defense was that some other things operated on Sunday. BUT WHEN DID TWO WRONGS MAKE ONE RIGHT? We admit with shame and regret that some amusements and business establishments operate on Sunday. But it is not right.

And it should be remembered that the definite issue of Sunday movies had been considered by the legislature and it had refused to sanction them.

And to the amazement of many, the county judge (who is a candidate for the office of county judge to which he was recently appointed) charged the jury to find the defendant not guilty if other amusements were operated on Sunday. We are not a lawyer but understand that a judge upon assuming office swears to uphold the law of the land. We make no charge but simply ask if this upholding the law of the land which the legislature recently again upheld.

The Baptist Record is not in politics and offers no advice as to how to vote but when Hinds county citizens go to the ballot box they should carefully consider the qualifications and past performances of all candidates. They should decide whether or not they wish officers of the law who will try to uphold our laws or someone who will annul a law. We do not believe any county judge has the right to annul a law. That is the right of the legislature. The supreme court can hold a law unconstitutional.

I feel that it will be pertinent to quote a statement from General Douglas MacArthur, a man whose clear vision and courage have won the admiration and gratitude of America and of the whole world. This statement which appeared in the Army and Navy Register for January, 1942, is as follows: "I am mindful of the right accorded every American citizen to endeavor by lawful means to secure such changes in the Constitution or statutes as he may desire. But to concede to him the right to defy existing law is to recognize a state of anarchy and the collapse of properly constituted authority."

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Of special interest to parents and friends of soldiers, and to chaplains on duty will be the information that the Baptist Bible Institute has authorized a 50% reduction of enrollment fees in its correspondence department for all members of the armed forces of the United States below the rank of commissioned officers. Chaplains will be particularly interested in the "group plan" being promoted by the Baptist Bible Institute.

READ DR. GILLESPIE'S ARTICLE

On another page is an article by Dr. G. T. Gillespie, president of Belhaven College. It concerns the recent illegal opening of Jackson moving picture shows. Every Baptist Record reader should be concerned with this open defiance of the law.

While the present question is a Jackson matter, it won't continue to be a Jackson affair. Just as Hitler conquered European countries, one by one, so will this Godless, law-defying crowd take one town at a time. The time to lock the door is before the horse is stolen. Jackson Christians made that mistake. They sat still relying on the fact that Sunday movies were illegal. The other crowd went to work. Now Jackson Christians see movies open on Sunday. It would have been better to have acted before. A movement is on foot to try to see that the law is enforced. Read Dr. Gillespie's article.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH TREASURERS

Most of our readers are familiar with the fact that Secretary McCall and the Executive Committee in behalf of the Baptists of Mississippi have called for payment on June first \$121,000.00 of Mississippi Baptist bonds.

Although the bonds cease to bear interest after June first, not all of them are presented on June first. In fact, they will be coming in for several weeks. And every bond that is paid not only stops the interest on a bond, but reduces the principal of our indebtedness by just that amount.

THEREFORE, we are daring to suggest to church treasurers and pastors that they send in all the NOW CLUB and FIVE THOUSAND club funds that they have on hand. It will make Secretary McCall's task easier and trim our debt. Brother, while you think of it, send that money in.

One other word to the pastors—next Sunday or at your next service, urge your people to do their best right now. Many have pledged and just waited about paying. A few words of encouragement now will mean dollars paid on our debt.

And why not give those who failed to make a pledge to the NOW Club a chance? Many are now in better financial circumstances than they were when the pledges were taken. Even though they didn't pledge doesn't mean that they are not interested. Give them a chance to either pledge or make a cash gift. You will be surprised at the response.

Pastors whose churches have not yet taken any part in the NOW Club could take a cash collection just as a starter. Once your people get a taste of NOW Club participation they will want more participation.

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Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

CHRISTIANITY STANDS ON HOLY GROUND

W. T. Darling

From a burning bush, as recorded in Exodus 3:5, God said to Moses, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thy standest is holy ground." Indeed it was holy ground. Moses was standing in the presence of a Holy God. God waited on Moses forty years before he was ready to do the work to which God had called him. Forty years prior to that time Moses had made an effort and miserably failed. Forty years as a shepherd had changed things. Moses was ready.

Moses was called on to liberate a nation of slaves. That nation of slaves was God's chosen people—Israel. For four hundred years Israel had been in bondage to Egypt. The time for their deliverance had come. Moses was God's chosen leader among men. Moses became God's man.

Through Moses and that liberated nation of slaves God gave to the world the Bible. Both the Old and New Testaments were, with a few exceptions, from a human standpoint, written by that nation of liberated slaves. Greatest of all and above

all, through that same nation God gave to the world Jesus. Priceless gift! Indeed it was holy ground upon which Moses stood.

Christianity stands on holy ground today. Two decades ago Christianity faced its greatest opportunity. Every nation on the face of the earth stood ready, even anxiously calling for the Gospel of the Son of God. In the face of that greatest opportunity, Christianity failed: Christianity was little in a great hour, asleep at high noon, and played with a great and sacred task. Today nearly all mission doors are closed. Our foreign missionaries, with few exceptions, are at home. It may be that Divine records, instead of laying the blame for this second world war at the feet of Germany, Italy and Japan, is laying it at the feet of Christianity. Ezek. 33:6.

Surely, Christianity stands on holy ground today! Not one, but many nations are enslaved today. Yes, in the most abject physical slavery. Millions are hungry, bleeding and dying at this very moment. As indescribably sad as this physical slavery is, and it beggars description, I desire in this brief word to call attention to another kind of slavery, namely, spiritual slavery.

Take a look at some of our allies. Russia, with her communism, trying to stamp out every trace of Christianity within her borders, and having for a future work doing the same for America. Russia is an ally. India—Mohammedan India, with her teeming millions substituting Mohammed for Christ, presenting to Christianity, perhaps, her most difficult problem. India is an ally. China with her polytheism, worshipping at a thousand shrines. However, China with her present Christian leaders and the sweep of Christianity presents a rainbow in the dark clouds. China is an ally. The South American Republics and Mexico are primarily Catholic, and yet in these nations is to be found almost every kind of religion under the sun. They are our allies. America, our own America, Christian in name only, with every sin that has led to the downfall of the nations of the past eating away at the very heart of America. America is Christianity's immediate problem. These and a host of other slave and semi-slave nations, present a very grave problem. Germany, Italy and Japan will be harder to love after the war. Will they?

What has Christianity to offer? It has the Bible—God's way bill of life, "sharper than any two-edged sword." Heb. 4:12. Greatest of all, Christianity has Jesus to offer. He is the one, great, crying need of the world today. Christianity must make Him known. Our boys are now and will be fighting side by side with millions of men of every religion and no religion. Which one will change the other? It is Christianity's task.

I believe God is about to give to Christianity another chance. When this second world war is over, wide open doors will stand ajar everywhere again throughout the whole wide world. Christianity dare not, will not, fall again. It must act now. THE GROUND IS HOLY GROUND.

—BR—

A BRICK

A brick is made of clay. A brick is square and plumb and true. A brick is soft and useless until the magic alchemy of fire has transformed its muddy texture into adamant. A brick is not as showy as marble but it is far more easy to obtain and is much more useful. A brick may occupy a humble place but it does its share in the creation of a mighty building.

A man is made of clay. If he be a real man, he is square and plumb and true. Many is usually soft and flabby until the hot fires of adversity have hardened his will power and developed his capacity for resistance. The average man is not as showy as the genius, but there are many more of him and he is much more useful. A man may occupy a humble place, but he does his part in sustaining the vast superstructure that we call civilization. If a man deserves the compliment, he is sometimes called a brick.—Advance.

—BR—

CANTON: The First Baptist Church of Canton, Mississippi, has extended a call to Miss Allene Wills of West Palm Beach, Florida, to serve as young people's leader and educational director. Miss Wills recently completed her work in the W. M. U. Training School of Louisville, Kentucky.

DR. GILLESPIE PROTESTS SUNDAY MOVIES

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moving picture shows in this community in open and acknowledged violation of the law of the state and of long established customs of this community.

We feel that this public statement is warranted by the unusual situation brought about by this radical change in public policy, and the general confusion which prevails as to the attitude of the law-abiding, God-fearing people of the community.

First: We agree that every reasonable effort should be made to provide clean and wholesome recreation and entertainment for soldiers and trainees stationed in nearby camps, or who may be visiting in the city. These young men are our honored guests and we wish to show them every courtesy, and to provide everything needful for their welfare and comfort while they are in our midst. Our homes, our churches, our social centers, our public institutions and parks and recreation centers have been gladly and freely thrown open to them at all times. The moving picture shows are open to them six days in the week as they are to other people. We see no good reason, therefore, why the people of this community should be expected to set aside the law of the state and the long-established customs of the community in order to provide a special form of entertainment for our guests, no matter what they may have found to be the practice in other communities. If we have not heretofore thought it wise or necessary to provide Sunday picture shows for our boys and girls surely we should not be thought inhospitable if for reasons satisfactory to ourselves we decline to do for our guests that which we will not do for our own flesh and blood.

Second: The fact that the Sunday law has been nullified in other communities, or that it has not been uniformly and consistently enforced in our own community is not a valid plea, and if generally accepted as such, tends to undermine all respect for the law and the courts, and to produce a vicious circle of lawlessness and crime. As law-abiding citizens, we do not condone or seek to justify any violation or slack enforcement of the law, but we do insist that it is a fundamental principle of jurisprudence and essential to the preservation of social order that each case must stand upon its own merits, and no offender shall ever be allowed to come into the courts and plead that he is being unjustly treated or singled out for persecution simply because other violators of the law have not been arraigned or punished.

Third: The charge frequently and loudly made that since the state law with respect to the preservation of the sabbath is more than one hundred years old, it is therefore antiquated and obsolete, is without foundation in fact or in principle. The laws against theft, murder, arson, rape, perjury, profanity, and various other lesser crimes and misdemeanors were enacted at the same time, and they are still on the statute books, and just as vital and fundamental today as they have ever been. More than this, it is a well-known and significant fact that less than sixty days ago the legislature of the state, after prolonged debate and heated public discussion and in the face of great pressure from powerful special interests, by a decisive record vote declined to amend or repeal the law, which is equivalent to a new and fresh enactment. Since the legislature is the only duly constituted body to act as the representatives of the sovereign people in making, amending, or repealing laws, it is wholly indefensible and unwarranted for any individual, or group, or even any local court, jury or public official to declare the law obsolete and therefore not to be observed or enforced.

Fourth: We reaffirm our belief in the sanctity and beneficent value of the Sabbath Day, and the vital importance of preserving it as a civil institution. Accepting the fundamental teachings of the Bible as the Word of God, we believe that the Sabbath Day was ordained by God for man as man, not as a burden, but as a boon and a perpetual inalienable right. It recognizes the essential right of all men, irrespective of age, occupation or social status to a day of rest from burdensome toil, as well as the right of every man to a reasonable and stated period in which to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. From the very founda-

tion of our American government, although maintaining consistently the principle of separation between church and state, our civil governments, both federal and state, have recognized it as the essential function and duty of civil authorities to designate a certain day in the week to be universally observed as a day of rest, and to safeguard it for all the people by proper regulations and sanctions. In no sense, therefore, does this represent the exercise of any right or purpose on the part of the civil authorities to compel anybody to be religious or to go to church, nor does it abridge the right of freedom of any individual or religious group to abstain from work and observe any other day or season for worship besides the regular civil sabbath. We believe that this is a distinction which needs to be clearly understood and always kept in mind.

Fifth: We express our sincere judgment that it is a mistake and short-sighted policy for our public officials, and for the community at large, to condone and consent to the open violations and non-enforcement of the law as a temporary or permanent policy. Even though there are many good people in the community who may be in favor of Sunday moving pictures and consider it a matter of trivial consequence, we are persuaded that this change of public policy represents the sacrifice of fundamental principles of right to expediency, and it cannot fail to lower the whole moral tone of the community, and to open the way for other forms of lawlessness and other special interests which always stand ready to prey upon society whenever the vigilance of the civil authorities is relaxed and the bars of public opinion are lowered. For many years, Jackson has been noted as a city of homes, and churches and schools. We have proudly and rightly boasted that it is a clean city, both physically and morally. We have had no serious political corruption, such as has cursed most cities, no gangs, or gangsters, no rackets or racketeers, no hoodlumism, no open gambling places, no public bars, no notorious houses of ill-fame. During this period Jackson has grown more steadily and more rapidly than any southern city, and has attracted the favorable attention of the whole nation. We rejoice in these facts and in this splendid record of progress and we sincerely believe that the most tragic mistake which this community could make would be to announce to the world that Jackson has lowered its moral standards, and will hereafter abandon the policy which has made her different from other cities, and which we believe is directly, if not solely, responsible for her unique distinction.

Sixth: We, therefore, call upon all our fellow citizens, whether young or old, Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile, to unite with us in this expression of sentiment, and to unite with us in the observance and preservation of this and every other law of the commonwealth, unless and until these laws shall be duly changed or repealed by our qualified representatives, and in the manner duly provided therefor.

Seventh: We commend our city and county official for the earnest efforts heretofore put forth, and pledge our sincere and wholehearted cooperation in every reasonable effort to uphold the dignity and sanctity of our laws and our civil institutions, and urge that hereafter they use the full powers with which our courts and civil magistrates have been clothed to protect and promote the public welfare.

Respectfully,
Signed.

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In a letter dated February 10, Miss Kate Murray writes: "In spite of war conditions, the streets of Chengchow are crowded with people. The large shops have moved west, but business goes on. The merchants have their goods on wheelbarrows which can easily be wheeled to the mountains if necessary. Wonderful people they are! The opportunity to give the gospel is excellent. Last week, during the revival services in the local church, a number were saved. In some places native churches are meeting in homes or rented quarters. The support of the pastor is difficult to secure, but we trust that many self-supporting churches may arise. 'We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.'"

RECEIVES TH.D. DEGREE



Rev. W. A. Bell, pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, has just been awarded the Th.D. degree by the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. His multitude of friends rejoice at his every success. They especially appreciate this merited award as the climax to several years' special study and his carrying on a full-time program in a growing church, simultaneously. During his pastorate at Parkway the past three years, the membership has tripled.

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DR. LIPSEY IS SUPPLY PASTOR AT PHILADELPHIA

Dr. P. I. Lipsey of Jackson, former editor of The Baptist Record and outstanding pastor of the state, has been selected as temporary pastor to supply the pulpit at the First Church, this city. Dr. Lipsey was selected by the church following the resignation of Rev. R. K. Corder, who served the church for the past three years.

Mr. Corder, a native of South Carolina, came here three years ago from Picayune where he had been pastor of the First Church for seven years. During his stay here the church has maintained a high rating, being one of the few organizations in the south to have an advanced standard Sunday school as well as a standard BTU and WMU. Two hundred and twenty-seven members have been added to the church during this period.

Mr. Corder has served several rural churches during his stay here and was moderator of the association at the time of his resignation. He was also a member of the State Mission Board from Neshoba county and was instrumental in organizing a pastor's conference, representing five counties. Unique in this organization was the enlistment of four Choctaw ministers who have taken an active part.

Mr. Corder has taken an active interest in the civic affairs of the city and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Masonic lodge. The financial condition of the church during the stay of Mr. Corder has been unusually good, a large offering being given to missions and the local work cared for in a big way. The church sent the pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention recently held in San Antonio, Texas.

MRS. A. B. McCRAW.

—BR—

A colored preacher was trying to explain the fury of Hades to his congregation.

"You all has seen molten iron runnin' out from a furnace, ain't you?" he asked.

The congregation said it had.

"Well," the preacher continued, "dey uses dat stuff fo' ice cream in de place I'm talking 'bout."

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACY CAMPBELL

Lesson for June 7
THE SUFFERING SAVIOR MAKES SACRIFICE

Bible Texts: Matthew 27:33-54; Mark 15:22-37; 23:33-46; John 19:16-30.

Introduction. Please read all of these accounts. To do so will be of more profit to your heart-life than all I might say all the time I shall remain here. I sit in my study a great while before day and read the words from the sacred accounts of this sacrifice wherein my Lord was both priest and victim, and I know that, if I can hear what God is saying to my heart in these passages, it will outweigh in importance to my heart life all that men may say about the words God is saying here. So I am taking time to plead with you that you take time and let God the Lord say what He is trying to say to you in these passages.

I. The Sacrifice. Luke 23:33.

Why did they call the place, "The Skull"? The words 'skull', 'calvary', 'golgotha', are words of the same meaning, but in different languages. I have heard there is a knoll outside the city gate, rounded into a slight resemblance to a skull, and it may have been upon or near this knoll that our Lord was crucified. The place may have been named, as some believe, because dead bodies were thrown there. There is a tradition, with no foundation in history, that Adam's head was buried under this mound, and that this fact gave Calvary its name.

Here the soldiers nailed Him to the cross, stretched His body upon it while the cross lay on the ground, nailed His body to the cross, and then set the lower end of the cross in the hole in the earth prepared to receive it. And at the same time, they crucified two robbers, one on each side of Jesus.

II. The Seven Sayings. Luke 23:34-43; John 19:26-27; Matthew 27:36; Mark 15:34; John 19:28-30; Luke 23:46.

The first three sayings were spoken for the benefit of others: (a) "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." This prayer was doubtless spoken primarily for those who were nailing Him to the cross, the Roman soldiers, but I make no doubt that He meant also those who had brought Him to His death. (b) "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." This was said to the penitent robber. (c) "Woman, behold thy son," "Behold thy mother." These sayings were addressed, the first to His mother, Mary, the second, to John.

The fourth and fifth sayings describe His own sufferings. (a) "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" This is the saddest cry that ever pierced the atmosphere of earth. It was the cry of One who, forsaken of God and man bore the burden of your sin and mine in the hour of death. (b) "I thirst." This tells of His bodily anguish borne for the world.

The sixth and seventh sayings are words of triumph which mark the successful close of His mission, and the surrender of Himself to the love of His Father. Luke and John each record three of these sayings not found elsewhere. Here is found the

fulfillment of the words of Isaiah, (53:12), "He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

III. They Who Watched Him.

1. The executioners. "And parting His garments among them, they cast lots." The garments of any man crucified belonged by Roman law to the soldiers who acted as executioners. Lots were drawn twice, once for the garments which could be divided without being torn, and again for the robe, made in one piece, and going, by lot, to one man.

2. The crowd of the curious. "As sheep having no shepherd." They had followed Him many times, foolishly, and from low motives. They had seen Him manifest His power, and they had been drawn by His tenderness and compassion, and now they had come to His crucifixion, and still were they fickle, ignorant, sheep having no shepherd.

3. The Religious Rulers.

And do not you forget that they were very religious, these priests and scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. They were about to establish their own righteousness, they practiced their religious observances, they observed their religious ceremonials, punctiliously. But they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God. They had no use for a crucified Saviour. Why, man, there are thousands of professing Christians in the world today who rejected a crucified Savior emphatically as these men did, and we call some of them "Doctors"!

4. Sarcastic Soldiers.

"The soldiers mocked Him, coming to Him, offering Him vinegar." It has been suggested that they put their drinks almost to His lips and then jerked them away. All these insults came during the earlier period of His suffering and before the awful darkness.

IV. "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

We are told that Pilate caused this inscription to be placed over the head of Jesus. The Jews asked Pilate to change the inscription so that it would say, "He said, 'I am King of the Jews,'" but Pilate, showing at last some stubbornness in the face of their demands, refused to change what He had written. So it stands forever that the Jews killed their own King, and in rejecting Him, spurned their proud position as God's chosen people.

V. The Dying Robbers.

1. "And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on Him, saying, 'Art not Thou the Christ? save Thyself and us.'" Look now, at this fellow! His question is rhetorical. The very form of it expects the answer, "Yes." With his head he believed Jesus was the Christ of God, yet he "railed on him." Here is the quintessence of damnation. A man dies in the knowledge that Christ is the world's Savior, but will not accept Him. Look what evidence he had! Remember that he did not die as early as Jesus died, but remained alive for hours after Jesus had died for him. The bodily presence of Jesus. 2. The evidence of our Lord's prayer for His tormentors. 3. The clamor of his own need of salvation. He was a guilty sinner, suffering for the crimes he had committed. 4. The testimony of his pal in crime. The man with whom he had committed sin confessed in his hearing and received assurance of pardon. 5. The testimony of quaking earth and

Touching the Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers and Defense Projects Director

JACKSON: "Although not a year old, our chapel has been the scene of a number of happy weddings and baptisms. A fine attendance record has been maintained at all chapel services."—Jackson Army Air Base Church Bulletin. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together..." Hebrews 10:25.

GREENVILLE Army Flying School: Sympathy is extended to Chaplain Jewell D. Foster in the death of his father which occurred recently in Wichita Falls, Texas. "... but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

BATAAN: Lieutenant Colonel Warren J. Clear, who has just returned to the United States after his escape from Corregidor, told of an experience during the awful days before the fall. He said he was forced to dive into one of those fox holes made famous by General MacArthur in his birthday message to our President. Squeezing in beside a sergeant who had already taken refuge there, after the attack, he said, "Sergeant, I noticed you were praying almost as loud as I was." The sergeant's reply was, "Yes sir, I was, and Sir, I tell you there are no atheists in 'fox holes' on Bataan." Think this over NOW. Why is it that so many wait until they are face to face with swirling atmosphere. 6. The testimony of the unnatural darkness. 7. The testimony of the death of Christ. Near where he was hanging, the robber saw Jesus' limp body hanging lifeless on the cross, and rejected that death for him. 8. The testimony of the centurion. "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

2. The Penitent. "Jesus, remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom." "And He said unto him... 'Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.'"

Find here the bare essentials of salvation. 1. There was no church. If a church were necessary, this man could not have been saved. 2. There was no worshiping congregation, even. 3. There was no singing. Singing is good, but not essential. 4. There were no good works, nor works of restitution. The poor chap was nailed to the cross, and he couldn't do anything. 5. There were no ordinances, no baptism or Lord's Supper. If baptism be essential, this man could not have been saved.

But there was: 1. A convicted sinner. 2. A suffering Savior. 3. A convicted sinner confessing his sin and professing his faith. 4. A merciful Savior promising, "This day shalt thou be with Me." Heaven today, not the kingdom away after a while, perhaps. The penitent begged for a memory: the Lord gave him assurance of life in the glory land. The penitent may have been thinking, and probably was thinking, of an awakening after a long period of conscienceless somnolence: the Lord assured him of conscious joy today. No purgatorial fires come between the homegoing of a faithful follower of the Lord and that follower's entrance into the presence of his lord.

25 YEARS AGO

Missionary J. G. Chastain has completed his enlistment campaign in Oklahoma, and has begun a similar work in Lincoln County Association, to be followed by a tour of Jones County Association.

The names of several Mississippians appeared on the list of the Southern Baptist Convention committees: Dr. B. G. Lowrey, Revs. J. B. Leavell, Martin Ball, Webb Brame, J. L. Johnson, I. N. Ellis, W. H. Patton, T. J. Miley, J. A. Ousley and Dr. W. A. Borum.

On Sunday Pastor Zeno Wall offered his resignation to the church at Clinton that he might accept a commission from the governor as chaplain of the Mississippi regiment of artillery.

The Water Valley church recently called Brother W. A. Green to the assistant pastorate, and on Monday, the 14th, he was publicly set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry.

death before they pour out their hearts to God in prayer, and why is it that so many who say they do not believe in prayer, in the hour of greatest need when human hands cannot help, will pray most earnestly to Him whom they have so often ignored?

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine:
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

COLUMBUS: In front of the First Church a sign reads:

"THE CHURCH OFFERS: 1. A Living Gospel. 2. Good Music. 3. Friends to Welcome You. 4. A Progressive Program. 5. Opportunity for Vital Service."

CANAL ZONE: An excerpt from a letter written to one of our workers by a soldier, and mailed May 16, reached Jackson May 26: "How is Parkway? I surely do miss good old Jackson and all of its friendly people." The House of Friendship. Proverbs 18:24.

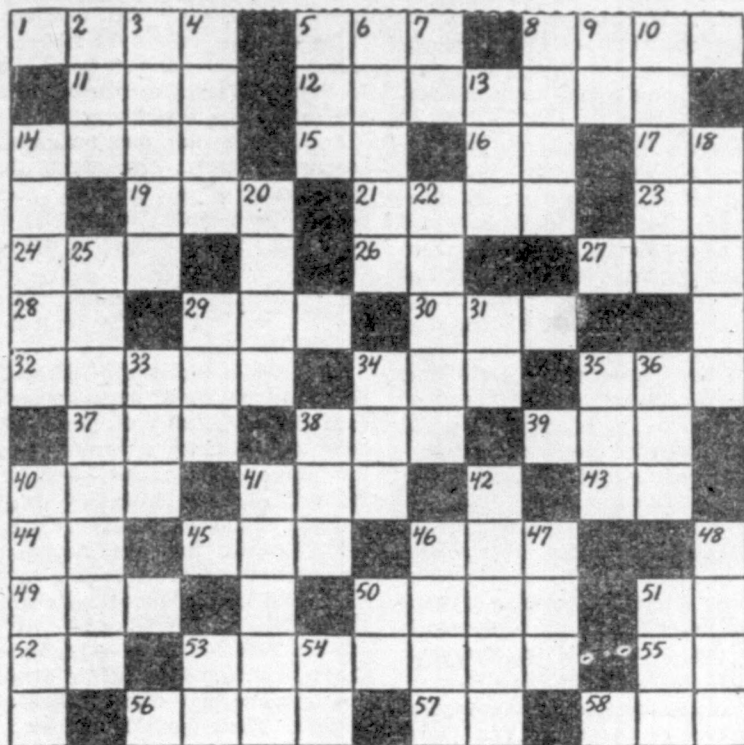
May 30th to June 6th (we hope not longer), the writer of "Touching the Bases" expects to be in the Missouri Pacific Hospital, Grand Boulevard and Shaw Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. We served the railroads prior to March 1941 for almost 31 years. Mississippi Baptists will not forget us—letters cards and prayers. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's." Luke 20:25.

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OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?"—Mark 3:4.

THE SABBATH HORIZONTAL

- 1 "cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the . . ." Isa. 2:20.
- 5 Head of a family of Gad I Chron. 5:15.
- 8 Cutting tools
- 11 "straightway pull him out on . . . Sabbath Day" Luke 14:5
- 12 "Is it lawful to do good on the . . . days, or to do evil?" Mark 3:4
- 14 "Is it lawful to . . . on the Sabbath Day" Luke 14:3
- 15 Senior
- 16 Half ev
- 17 Bone
- 19 "which . . . not lawful for him to eat" Matt. 12:4
- 21 "and the Word was . . . flesh, and dwelt among us" John 1:14
- 23 Sixth note in scale
- 24 Mothers
- 26 Northern state
- 27 "to . . . at liberty them that are bruised" Luke 4:18
- 28 Fifth month of Hebrew sacred year
- 29 " . . . the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath Day" Matt. 12:8
- 30 "What . . . shall there be among you" Mark 12:11
- 32 "clothed in pure white . . ." Rev. 15:6
- 34 "he will reprove the world of . . ." John 16:8
- 35 Age
- 37 " . . . lead him away to watering" Luke 13:15
- 38 "will he . . . lay hold on it, and lift it out" Matt. 12:11
- 39 "son of . . . that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath" Isa. 56:2
- 40 Saint (Fr.)
- 41 "A brother offended is hard to be . . . than a strong city" Prov. 18:19
- 43 Second note in scale
- 44 His Highness
- 45 "which was not lawful . . . him to eat" Matt. 12:4
- 46 "if it fall into a pit on . . . sabbath day" Matt. 12:11
- 49 "and did . . . the shewbread" Mark 2:26
- 50 "who also were in the . . . mending their nets" Mark 1:19
- 51 "Wherefore it is lawful to . . . well on the sabbath days" Matt. 12:12
- 52 Ancestors of Jesus, Luke 3:28
- 53 "Is it lawful on the . . . days to do good, or to do evil" Luke 6:9
- 55 "have ye not read . . . the law" Matt. 12:5
- 56 "and they have believed that thou

- didst . . . me" John 17:8
- 57 Compass point
- 58 "And which of you with taking thought can . . . to his stature one cubit" Luke 12:25
- Our text is 11, 12, 19, 21, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 45, 46 and 53 combined
- VERTICAL**
- 2 "I . . . no pleasant bread" Dan. 10:3
- 3 Melts
- 4 Capital of Edom Isa. 16:1
- 5 "each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his . . . from the stall" Luke 13:15
- 6 "and saw no . . . come to him" Acts 28:6 (pl.)
- 7 The same
- 8 "to . . . life, or to kill" Mark 3:4
- 9 "are ye angry . . . me" John 7:23
- 10 "because I have made a man every whit . . . on the sabbath day" John 7:23
- 13 "Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a . . ." Mark 4:21
- 14 Pertaining to blood
- 18 "Get thee behind me, . . ." Luke 4:8
- 20 "How . . . is the fig tree withered away" Matt. 21:20
- 22 Concede
- 25 "in the days of . . . the high priest" Mark 2:26
- 29 "when saw we thee an hungred, and . . . thee" Matt. 25:37
- 31 "A city that is set on . . . hill cannot be hid" Matt. 5:14
- 33 Compass point
- 34 "the . . . of man is Lord also of the sabbath" Luke 6:5
- 35 "what ye hear in the . . . , that preach ye" Matt. 10:27
- 36 "I will ask you . . . thing" Luke 6:9
- 38 "the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, . . . yet at Jerusalem" John 4:21
- 40 "How much then is a man better than a . . ." Matt. 12:12
- 41 "And ought not this . . . , being a daughter of Abraham" Luke 13:16
- 42 "thou canst not make one hair . . . or black" Matt. 5:36
- 46 "Is not the life more . . . meat" Matt. 6:25
- 47 Ephesians
- 48 "be loosed from this . . . on the sabbath day" Luke 13:16
- 50 South Britain
- 51 "Have ye not read what David . . . when he was hungred" Matt. 12:3
- 53 Selenium
- 54 Bachelor of Divinity
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Which Bible character broke a bottle, and why?

The prophet Jeremiah made use of "a potter's earthen bottle," to better picture the punishment of the people. Taking the bottle, he threw it to the ground, thus breaking it into many pieces. Read why he did this, in Jeremiah 19:I-II, 15 verses.

"Tabernacle" is mentioned many times in the Bible. What does tabernacle mean? The name tabernacle, is derived from the Latin 'taberna,' or 'common shelter.' It also refers to the covering for the Ark of the Covenant carried by the children of Israel.

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The Mississippi Bible and Christian Life Conference will be held at Natchez Trace Recreation Center, near Houlika, June 6 to 14.

Speakers and Leaders

The following speakers and leaders have thus far been provided. Other missionaries are expected and also other workers for the juniors and the young people.

Robert C. McQuilkin, D.D.—Conference director. President of Columbia Bible College (conducting Christian life hour and other inspirational messages).

Frank H. Sells—Bible teacher and worker among children and young people (conducting morning Bible studies on I John).

Mrs. W. L. Walker—Conference secretary. Formerly of Mississippi, secretary of Ben Lippen Conference Center.

J. Kelly Unger—Pastor, West Point Presbyterian Church (formerly missionary to lepers in Korea).

Harold Jordan—Counselor for Juniors. Director Young People's Fellowship Clubs.

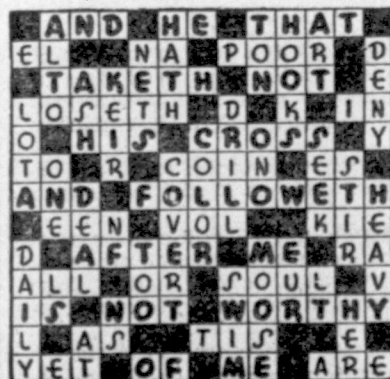
Catherine Walker—Head counselor for girls. Bible teacher in public schools in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Mary Virginia Potts—Pianist. Kosciusko.

Mrs. W. C. Link—Hostess and dietitian. Charlotte, North Carolina.

The cost of meals and room is \$2.00 per day, or \$14.00 for the entire period.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



MRS. NANNIE DAVIS ROBERTS

Forty-First Avenue Baptist Church of Meridian, Mississippi, loses a beloved member in the passing of Mrs. Nannie Davis Roberts. Mrs. Roberts cast her lot with us forty years ago and has been a faithful and consistent worker in our church ever since that time.

To know her was to love her—her kind and gentle manner endearing her to all who bore her acquaintance.

She was a systematic giver through the church and also gave unstintingly of her time and talents to any and all causes where her Christian duty required it. She was patient and kind to her loved ones and carried her cross with a smile.

Though she leaves two sisters—Miss Dora Davis, Meridian, and Mrs. Lowe, Laurel—to mourn her passing, it is a great comfort to them to know that Mrs. Roberts is safe on the other side at home with Jesus, where no tears ever flow and no sorrows or heartaches are known, and to be greeted by the Master with these words: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

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BAPTIST EVANGELISM**
A Survey of the Influence of the Great Revivals
of America Upon the Life and Work
of Southern Baptists
From Southern Baptist Handbook
1925
by E. P. Aldredge, A.M., D.D.
Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tenn.

(Continued from Last Week)

**III. THE EXTENT AND MEANING
OF THE REVIVAL**

Who can properly evaluate the far-reaching force and influence of this great and unique revival which began in the Southern army camps in 1861 and continues in many ways to this far-off day of 1925. As Dr. W. W. Bennett well says:

"There have been revivals in the midst of wars in other countries, and in other times; but history records none so deep, so persuasive, so well marked by all the characteristics of a divine work as that which shed its blessed light on the armies of the South in their struggle for independence.

"So vast were the proportions of the revival in the second, third and fourth years of the war, that we are apt to overlook the first fruits in the opening of the conflict. In the spring of 1861 the troops were gathered at the important points of defense. The chief interest centered on Virginia, as it was felt that, after the affair of Fort Sumter, the storm would burst upon her soil.

"In the armies stationed at Manassas, Winchester, Norfolk, Aquia Creek, and other places, the most cheering signs appeared.

"Rev. C. F. Fry, of the Baptist Colportage Board, wrote from the army in the valley of Virginia:

"I have visited most of the encampments in the valley, and could have sold more than \$100 worth of books a month if my assortment had been larger—especially if I could have had a good supply of Testaments. A captain said to me 'I am a sinner, and wish you to select some books to suit my case.' I did so, and at night he called his men into line and asked me to pray for them. Another captain seemed much interested on the subject of religion. I tried to explain to him the way to be saved, and in a few days I heard of his fighting bravely at Manassas. I have prayer and exhortation meetings frequently, which are well attended and often tears flow from eyes

unused to weep, while I point them to the Lamb of God."

"Good tidings came from many other portions of the army. Scenes like the following became more frequent every week:

"For more than a week a revival has been in progress among the soldiers stationed at Ashland. Services are held every night in the Baptist church, and the seats set apart for the anxious are frequently well nigh filled with the soldiers, who are asking for the prayers of God's people. Rev. W. E. Hatcher, of Manchester, preaches every night. At Aquia Creek thirty have professed conversions within a few weeks, a number of whom were baptized in the Potomac by Rev. Geo. F. Bagby, a chaplain. The entire regiment with which the converts were connected turned out to witness the ceremony. Our informant says he has never looked upon a more lovely and impressive scene. We understand that a protracted meeting is in progress in Col. Cary's regiment, and that Rev. Andrew Broadus, of Carolina, is officiating. We hear of another revival in which twelve soldiers professed conversion, five of whom united with the Methodist, four with the Baptist and the remainder with the Presbyterian. The religious community of the Confederate States ought to feel encouraged by these tokens of the Divine power, to put forth still greater efforts in behalf of the spiritual welfare of our army. Fully one-third of the soldiers are destitute of a copy of the New Testament, and of all other religious reading."

About this time also, men began to be converted on the battlefields and in the bloody trenches. During the battle of Great Bethel, for example, Capt. John Stewart Walker, of the "Virginia Life Guards," was ordered to take his men from the front and throw them against an overwhelming flanking movement of the enemy.

"On reaching his new post of danger," the record reads, "Captain Walker drew up his company and addressed them in a few stirring words. He reminded them that God had mercifully preserved them in the heat of battle, and that they were now called to face the enemy in greater numbers; that, as Christians and patriots they should resolve to do their whole duty to their country; then, kneeling down, he called upon a minister, who was a private in the ranks, to offer prayer. When they arose, nearly every eye was suffused with tears, and God was felt to be present. During that day of battle it is said that three of this company sought

and obtained the pardon of their sins."

In the bloody battle of the first Manassas (July 21, 1861), many noble Christian men and leaders laid down their precious lives in such a way as to mightily witness for Christ and greatly influence the ungodly soldiers.

"Generals Bee and Bartow, Col. Egbert Jones, of the 4th Alabama, Col. Johnson, of South Carolina, and a host of other noble patriots, laid down their lives for the cause of the South. A young Georgian of Bartow's brigade said, as he lay dying on this bloody field: 'I will go up and make my report to the Almighty as to the Commander-in-Chief of all. I will tell Him I have been a faithful and a dutiful son, though an unfaithful servant of God; nevertheless, my fearless trust is in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men.'

"During the autumn of this year (1861) the religious influence among the soldiers gradually increased. The appeals from the army for tracts, books, and for more preachers, were earnest and importunate. Even the secular papers were urged to lend their aid to the work by calling the attention of the churches to the moral wants of the soldiers.

"Among the troops that were stationed in the vicinity of Leesburg, Va., there was a fine state of religious feeling. In the 17th Mississippi regiment, one of the most gallant in the army, there was a deep concern. Prayer-meetings were held in their camp every evening, a number professed conversion, and the good work increased in depth and power. The Christians in the vicinity of the camp were urged to join the soldiers in their meetings. Many did so, and the people learned that the Lord of Hosts was in the midst of their brave defenders."

But it is impossible to follow the full reach and sweep of the revival. By the close of 1861 and the spring of 1862 God was breathing the breath of eternal life upon the soldier camps and battlefields everywhere in the South, and the most far-reaching revival which has ever come to the South was manifest on every side.

"In General Trimble's, and the immediately neighboring brigades," says Dr. J. Wm. Jones, in describing this period, "there is in progress, at this hour, one of the most glorious revivals I ever witnessed. Some days ago a young chaplain took a long ride to solicit my co-operation, stating that a promising seriousness had sprung up within their diocese. I have now been with him three days and nights.

"Camp near Orange Court House, preaching and laboring constantly with the soldiers when not on drill.

"The audiences and the interest have grown to glorious dimensions. It would rejoice you over-deeply to glance for one instant on our night-meeting in the wild-woods, under a full moon, aided by the light of our side-stands. You would behold a mass of men seated on the earth all around you (I was going to say for the space of half an acre), fringed in all its circumferences by a line of standing officers and soldiers—two or three deep—all exhibiting the most solemn and respectful earnestness that Christian assembly ever displayed. An officer said to me, last night, on returning from worship, he never had witnessed such a scene, though a Presbyterian elder; especially such an abiding solemnity and delight in the services as prevented all whisperings in the outskirts, leaving of the congregation, or restless change of position.

"I suppose at the close of the service we had about sixty or seventy men and officers come forward and publicly solicit an interest in our prayers, and there may have been as many more who, from the press, could not reach the stand. I have already conversed with quite a number, who seem to give pleasant evidence of return to God, and all things seem to be rapidly developing for the best.

"The officers, especially Generals

Jackson and Early, have modified military rules for our accommodation. I have just learned that General A. P. Hill's division enjoys as rich a dispensation of God's Spirit as General Early's. In General Pickett's division, also, there are said to be revivals of religion."

And this is but one instance among scores of others. Best of all, the great tidal wave of the revival seemed to deepen and broaden as the war went on. Here are some glimpses of the situation in 1863:

"Orange Court House, Virginia,
September 10.

"Dear Brethren:

"It gives me pleasure to report more definitely this week, the state of religious interest in Mahone's Brigade, where we have been holding a series of meetings for three weeks. On last Sabbath, Brother Andrew Broadus, Jr., at my request, baptized thirty-one candidates for admission into the Baptist church; nineteen others are awaiting to be baptized, and I learn that others will report themselves in a few days. At present 146 are reported to have found peace in Christ, and have asked for membership among some of the evangelical denominations. The interest is unabated. Scores and hundreds are asking, 'What must we do to be saved?'

"H. E. H., Army Evangelist"

"Elder J. E. King, chaplain of the Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, within two and a half months, has baptized ninety persons in various divisions of the army of Northern Virginia.

"At a meeting of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"(1) Resolved, That this church has received with great joy the tidings of God's merciful dealings with the armies of our country, in bringing many of our soldiers to repentance and salvation; and we will earnestly pray for the continued success and enlargement of the good work amongst them.

"(2) Resolved, That we regard this gracious dispensation as the voice of God to His slumbering churches, calling them to renewed zeal and consecration to His cause; and that we will labor and pray that its influence may not be lost upon ourselves or upon those within our reach."

"October 7, 1863.

"The work of the Lord is still on the increase in this army. In every direction meetings are in progress, at which hundreds are anxiously inquiring after the Saviour of sinners. Even where it has been deemed best to suspend the regular series of services, prayer-meetings are held several times a day, conducted for the most part by those who have themselves recently chosen the service of God. These young converts sing, pray and exhort, and their labors are made instrumental in the conversion of their comrades. A Baptist chaplain told me yesterday that every day or two he was called on to baptize soldiers.
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THE INERTIA OF GOOD PEOPLE

Charles Granville Hamilton
(Representative from Monroe County)

We were working to stop Sunday movies being legalized. One representative promised me that he would keep from voting, if possible, as he had no interest in the bill. A minute before the vote he got three telegrams asking him to vote for Sunday movies, so he did. He did not get one word from those opposed to Sunday movies in his county, though it is a large county with thousands of church members and scores of ministers—not one took the trouble to write their representative.

Another representative told me he had decided to vote against Sunday movies, but he said, "Not one person from my county has asked me to vote against them." He comes from a county with many strong churches and a county strongly in favor of Christian morals. But not one person has asked him to vote their sentiments.

A minister preached a fiery sermon, giving advice to the legislature concerning divorce, drunkenness and desecration of the Sabbath. A member asked him if he had seen his legislator. He had not.

When the Sunday movie bill was being agitated, lobbyists stacked the galleries with noisy crowds. A dozen or so Christian leaders come to support their convictions.

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion," said Amos. The greatest hindrance to honest, sober, moral legislation in Mississippi is the good people who do nothing about moral problems. There is no individual devoid of influence. A letter or telegram from you may pass or defeat a bill. Legislators want to represent their home folk. Most of them consider re-election. If one gets three letters against a bill and none for it, he will probably vote against it; and if he gets ten letters for a bill and none against it, he will vote for it unless he has strong convictions otherwise.

Liquor bills and divorce bills and Sabbath desecrating bills are usually brought up suddenly on a day's notice or less so that the people at home cannot have time to register their sentiments and protests. The majority of Mississippians are conservative and believe in morality and Christian principles of government. It fell to my lot in the last session to lead the fight against immoral bills. The Baptist Record, and many Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterian and other ministers and laymen gave much help in stopping radical and un-Christian legislation. But if one thousand Christian men and women had written their legislators or wired them or buttonholed them on the street corner, there would have been no danger of bills passing to legalize drunkenness, desecrate the Sabbath or break up families.

The American way is to let majorities vote and decide matters. There are always those who prefer the Hitler method of doing as their please regardless of law. We are fighting to defend the American way of life. We cannot afford to lose it to those who would sabotage our Christian faith and Southern moral tradition. If every reader of The Baptist Record will see that men are elected to office who will reflect these principles, and

CRYSTAL SPRINGS BAPTISTRY



The above is a photo of a painting in the baptistry in the Crystal Springs Baptist Church which was done by Ora Newton Gibson of Crystal Springs. An actual photograph of the Jordan river was used in the painting of the picture which many have said is the most beautiful and natural-looking scene they have ever seen. With water on the glass in the baptistry it appears to the audience that the minister and candidate are in the river. The pastor and people are more than pleased with this great work of art, and highly recommend to any church needing work of this type that you take your desires up with Ora Newton Gibson.—A. B. Pierce.

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"MISSIONARIES ALL: A PAGEANT OF BAPTIST HISTORY"

By Ernest A. Payne and
K. M. Shuttleworth
(1-net. Carey Press, London)

The pageant presented at the great World Congress at Atlanta, Georgia, is published by the Baptist Missionary Society in connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of its founding. (As everyone knows, the B. M. S., originated in Kettering in the year 1792, and in the following year, under its auspices, Carey sailed for India).

The foreword explains that the outbreak of war held back the intended printing of the text in the autumn of 1939, but the B. M. S., now issues it in order that the foundation of the Society may be seen in its context as part of the general movement of Baptist history.

Those who were present at Atlanta will be glad to have this memento of a wonderful occasion, and those who were not should be even more eager to obtain so vivid and instructive a book. Mr. Payne and his collaborator, Miss Shuttleworth rendered effective service to the Alliance by preparing the pageant, and I share their hope that the portrayal, especially of the final tableau depicting Baptist world fellowship, may deepen the faith that, in the post-war period, our Baptist World Alliance will enlarge its influence as one of the most effective agencies for good.

J. H. RUSHEROKE, President,
Baptist World Alliance.

will remind them continually of the Christian principles of our citizenship, we can better maintain the principles of Jesus Christ.

PASTOR STREET OPPOSES SUNDAY SHOWS

The announcement was made in a local paper this week that a picture show would be given in a theatre in our city on Sunday for the purpose of raising money for the U. S. O. The pastor wishes to go on record as opposing this or any other showing of motion pictures on Sunday. He is in full sympathy with the purposes of the U. S. O. and he gives credit for good intentions to the city officials who have granted their permission for the show to be held; but he is unalterably against the showing of the picture as announced. . . . The statement was made in the letter from the city officials that the show would be "for this Sunday only." But it seems that if a show is permitted for the benefit of the U. S. O., it would be just as reasonable to give one for the Red Cross, for the Navy Relief, for China Relief, for Civilian Defense, or a dozen other causes just as worthy as U. S. O. . . . The pastor,

and he feels that most of the church stands with him, regards the showing of the picture to be a violation of the best traditions and practices of the city in the past, and a violation of the Christian Sabbath. He cannot see how the city has the authority to grant any person or firm the right to violate the law. . . . He feels that the money for the cause named could be raised in some other way, or on some other day. . . . But if the show is permitted, the pastor earnestly appeals to the membership of this church and to all Christians not to attend the show, and to oppose it with all their influence and authority. . . . To all thoughtful people, who know the happenings that are going on in the state at this time, it would seem obvious that this is merely a pretext under which the regular showing of pictures on Sunday is planned.—J. H. Street, in Hazlehurst Bulletin.

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A BRIEF REPORT OF OUR CONVENTION

May 14-15, the Woman's Missionary Union of S. B. C. met in San Antonio for its 54th annual meeting. There were 2597 delegates and visitors registered from all the states. Only four states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, had their full delegations of 50. However, Texas made up the deficit in number.

The printed program had a picture of William Carey on the outside cover page because the program featured the sesquicentennial of the Modern Missionary Movement which began in 1792. The theme for the program was composed of two words, "Expect—Attempt," taken from the theme of William Carey's sermon 150 years ago, "Expect great things from God—Attempt great things for God."

The call to worship for the beginning of each session was begun by Mrs. Lurames Reynolds Michels, daughter of Prof. I. E. Reynolds, playing some worshipful hymns on her violin. This was followed by a congregational hymn; immediately after the singing of the hymn, the congregation repeated in unison Isa. 54:2-3—"Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." Then a special number by our accomplished violinist after which a missionary led in prayer. All the public prayers on the program were led by missionaries.

How our missionaries know how to talk to the Lord! What a spiritual atmosphere was created in this manner.

The reports of all the general officers were spoken to by our Foreign and Home missionaries. There were a number who spoke to each report. Miss Ethel Harmon, speaking to Miss Mallory's report, after which she had given the highlights of the accomplishments of the year, told of the generous giving of the women of Nigeria. She reported that tithing is their standard of giving. She had seen many women pulling grass all day Saturday in order to have something to give Sunday.

Miss Amelia Diaz, a home missionary in San Antonio, spoke to Miss Mather's report, stating the Zarzamora Mexican Baptist Church of 58 members maintained a full-graded Union last year.

It is impossible to report all the messages that stirred our hearts but we must bring some of the encouraging reports from the work of Woman's Missionary Union. First, our Lottie Moon offering last December has reached \$450,000.00. Ten years ago our gift for this cause was \$139,000.00. Our Annie Armstrong offering has reached \$215,000.00 this year. Woman's Missionary Union has paid \$317,750.86 on its \$1,000,000.00 pledge to the Hundred Thousand Club, and much enthusiasm in the paying of the pledge was created by the demonstration planned and executed by Mrs. Carter Wright. She used letters three feet high to spell the word V-I-C-T-O-R-Y. These letters were lavender in color with the exception of the first two and part of the third—they were painted in gold, indicating the amount already paid toward our \$1,000,000.00 pledge. Each inch in these letters represented more than \$2,000.00. As each lavender letter was placed she would ask who would pledge themselves to color that letter in gold by 1945. Three or more state secretaries would step up pledging the amounts that letter represented. Mississippi's pledge represented more than the average of five centennial memberships per association pledged at our annual meeting in April. As each state secretary stood, Mrs. Wright would ask the delegates and visitors from that state to stand, pledging their co-operation. After each letter was placed, she asked every one in the audience who would cooperate in

the doing of this great task to stand. So far as I could discern, every individual in that large audience stood. This is the spirit that will win.

You will be interested to know that Southern Baptists gave \$261,143 last year to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club for the payment of our debts. However, \$837,480.77 was paid on our debts. The Lord is leading His people to unburden themselves of debt that we may be able to minister to this sick and bleeding world when this cruel war is over.

Back to the Convention report. We were in the midst of one of our Home Mission fields in San Antonio. We have eight or more missionaries. It was a joy to see and hear Miss Ollie Lewellyn, missionary to the Chinese for 18 years. She introduced a Chinese woman, mother of 10 children and told of what the Gospel had done for her. She is called "Sunlight Wong" because of her radiant face. It was our privilege to see the new Chinese Baptist Church of San Antonio, built by the Home Mission Board and dedicated January 4th. The Chinese believe this little church is a gift from God in answer to Miss Lewellyn's life of devoted service. We can believe this too. We heard while in San Antonio that the first convert to be baptized in this new church was a Japanese. How God's love melts away every vestige of racial prejudice.

There was a real heart message brought us by Miss Susan Anderson, a missionary from Nigeria. She is a living example of the truth expressed in John 14:12-14. (Please turn and read those two verses.)

Mrs. W. J. Cox sent us away from the Friday morning's session with an ache in our hearts because of our many sins of omission in the past and present but with a new vision of service and a determination in our very souls to "Diminish not a word" (Jer. 26:2) of the truth as we observe God working through great causes, prayer and as individuals. We are thankful for our knowledge of the truth; will we live it?

The young people's session was a pageant depicting the life of William Carey. It presented a thrilling story of his early home life and his young manhood, with his determination to carry forth the Gospel story unto the uttermost parts of the world according to the command of our Lord. Scores of Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, Girls Auxiliaries and Y. W. A.'s were used in this presentation. It was heartening to look backward 150 years at the beginning of the modern missionary movement and to see the blessing of God upon our efforts down through the years.

The closing of each session was made very impressive by the reading of a compilation of Scriptures on faith by four of our Southwide state young people's secretaries including our own Miss Edwina Robinson. A hymn on faith played by our violinist and a closing prayer by one of our missionaries.

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DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- Evangelism—Church and Association.
- Cooperative Program.
- Now Club—Christian Education Day.
- Vacation Bible School.
- Royal Ambassador Camp, Castalian Springs, June 2-6.
- Ridgecrest Y. W. A. Camp, June 23-July 3.
- W. M. U. will check up on first six months' apportionments and find out if half of the goals for Cooperative Program, for magazine subscription and tithers have been met.
- Check Standard of Excellence and Record Charts.
- Women will cooperate with Associational Young People's leader in using College and Training School girls for Schools of Mission and Methods. Send second quarter's report.
- District G. A. and R. A. Camps.

SUPPRESSION IS NOT UNITY

P. I. Lipsey

We have not seen a more sensible statement than one quoted from ex-President Hoover in one of the most widely read magazines in America. Here is the quotation:

"When uniformity comes we will have ceased to be a free men. Those who would reduce us to a collection of parrots do not know the meaning of America. It is from our diversity that we sharpen our wits, gain in initiative and strength over regimented peoples. That is the whole distance between the spirit of America and the spirit of totalitarianism. . . ."

In the truth here stated is the whole case for freedom and the sole hope for progress in all matters, whether political, civic or religious.

Mr. Hoover is a Quaker, but he is no pacifist. He is a Republican, but he supports a Democratic administration in the prosecution of the war. But this does not go to the extent of advocating the suppression of criticism or the silencing of voices which would express a difference of opinion.

The statement of the ex-President is good political philosophy for all time and all times. But it is not his political philosophy which we are here concerned about. The same truth underlies and gives character to religion as well. Religion that is not free to express itself, to voice its interpretation of truth, to distinguish the things that differ, to point out error wherever found, to expose falsehood and sin, is not the Christian religion. It has been denatured and emasculated until it cannot propagate itself and will die fruitless with no generation of its own to succeed it.

It is of the very essence of Protestantism to point out errors in doctrine and practice, and to cry out against them. It is of the essence of what is called Catholicism to cover up wrong and to suppress any protest against it, or any expression of differences of opinion. In the older form of Roman Catholicism by those who have long been known as Protestants, the suppression is by hushing any differences, decrying anything that savors of personal freedom, and pronouncing intellectual, social and ecclesiastical anathemas against all who dare to think of themselves and put their thoughts into words. This modern Catholicism is generally called by the high-sounding name of ecumenicity. Perhaps the idea in changing the word is that it will be swallowed without knowing what it is. The purpose is to make everybody "conform" without being transformed, to allow errors to masquerade under the name of Unity, to hush all protest against the things that are unscriptural and anti-scriptural, to clamp down the lid on any liberty of expression.

This is what has been done for centuries in the Roman Catholic church to the injury of truth and morality. It will do the same in any modern effort at ecumenicity. Fresh air and sunshine are still necessary to health.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF WANILLA BAPTIST CHURCH

I am sending The Baptist Record to each home of Wanilla Baptist Church for the month of June. I want to urge that you read it weekly so that you may become better informed Baptists. After enjoying The Baptist Record during June, I hope the church will adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of your church program. It will help us to have a better church and help you to be better church members.

M. C. NELSON, Pastor.

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First Church, Columbus, has called Miss Jane Wood of Bristol, Tennessee, as director of music. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. She will begin her work on July 1.

Baptist Training Union

AIM—Training in Church Membership
AUBER J. WILDS, State Secretary
OXFORD, MISS. JACKSON, MISS.

B. T. U. LEADERS



You will remember Brother and Mrs. Strother, who were our missionaries in the district conventions last year. Along with them are shown here Brother Jordan, pastor at Morton, who was one of our district presidents last year, Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, stu-

Those Who Will Serve as Speakers And Conference Leaders in the District Conventions

Our party this year for the district conventions is an interesting one! Those who will attend all fifteen of the meetings are Miss Fung Ping Leung, our young Chinese friend who is a student in college (We'll give you her picture next week); Miss Sybil Bullock of Tylertown, Blue Mountain College student will be our pianist and soloist and will lead a conference; Wilbur Bullock of Tylertown, Mississippi Southern student will lead the singing, render special music and will lead the conference for young people; Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, student secretary of Blue Mountain College will lead the conference for leaders and will have charge of the contests; Frank Skilton, director of public relations for Blue Mountain College will lead the conference for adults and will show colored moving pictures of Blue Mountain College; Auber J. Wilds, state Baptist Training Union secretary, will do what he cannot get someone else to do! In addition to these, Missionary J. S. Deal of Silver City will speak on "Missions in Mississippi" at the first four conventions, July 1-4; Evangelist E. D. Stes, of Jackson, will speak on this subject in the meetings the second week, July 6-11; Secretary D. A. McCall, of Clinton, will speak on this subject in the last five meetings, July 13-17. You will want to hear them.

Any time is a good time for a study course. Sometimes the summer is the best time for most churches, and that time is just about here.

This Week at Gillsburg

This week the Gillsburg church is having their Training School. Brother Booth, the devoted pastor, through the state Training Union department has secured the services of Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg to direct the work, having charge of the general

secretary at Blue Mountain, and Auber J. Wilds, state Training Union secretary. We list below the workers who will serve with us this year, and from week to week will give you their pictures.

supervision of the work and teaching one of the classes. We hope to have a good report on this school, and will be happy to pass the word on for encouragement to others.

Approved Training Union Workers

We have been adding to our work during the past year a group of volunteer workers who are willing to give some of their time in promoting some phase of Training Union work. Already we have told you of several of these. We are here introducing Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg as a general approved worker. Mrs. Greenoe is versed in the work of all the unions and finds herself at home with Juniors, Intermediates, young people, adults or leaders. Her first work in Training Union was as Story Hour leader, so she is a capable Story Hour leader also. She gives us a great deal of her time in training schools and enlargement campaigns, and we commend her to our churches.

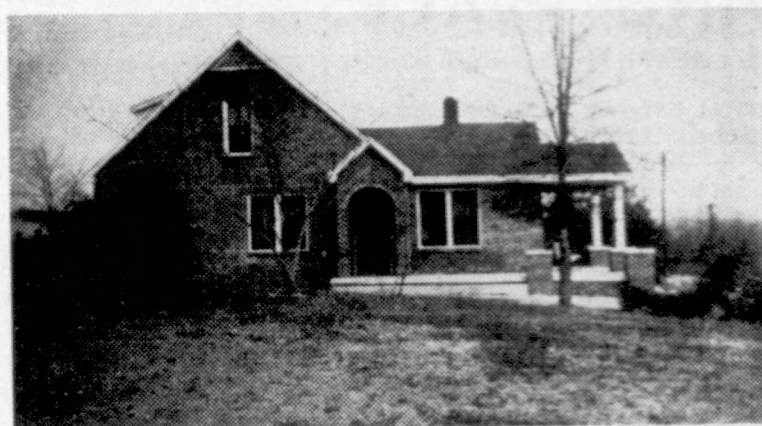
Liberty B. A. U. Completes Study Course of Ten Books

Liberty adults hold an enviable record in study course work. They started in 1937 and have had two study courses each year since and have thus completed the full course of ten books. They have been diligent and their study has sharpened their interest in the work as a whole. They are not satisfied, but look forward to the study of another book this fall. We are grateful to Mrs. S. B. Robinson for this report, and congratulate her and the Union on this fine record.

"Let Us Sing"

Last summer the Sunday School Board of Nashville established a department of music. Brother B. B. McKinney was elected to the secretaryship of the department and we feel that no wiser choice could have been made. Bro. McKinney came to the Board a few years ago and has proved his ability and worth for just such a responsibility. The Training

NEW PASTORIUM AT MENDENHALL, MISS.



This is a two-story brick veneer building built to match the new church building. It is located on the same square with the church, that has been landscaped and beautified until it is one of the most beautiful lots in the town. The building is modern throughout. There are four bedrooms; two baths, a large sitting room, dining room, kitchen, and ample closet space. The interior is finished throughout with Masonite that provides a beautiful finish and serves as insulation, that makes the building warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Pastor Chas. C. Jones designed and supervised the construction of this building. He declares that he is going to live in this home until he "wears the new off" and that it takes a long time to "wear the new off" of a brick building.

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Union, Student and Sunday School Departments both of the Sunday School Board and the states have pledged full cooperation as the work is launched. One of the first marks of progress in the editing of a book which carries the title "Let Us Sing." Four persons have had a part in making up the book: Dr. Allen Graves, one of our Southwide Training Union leaders, Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood, Miss Robbie Trent, and Professor McKinney. The book will find its way into the hands and library of many friends of good music. It is an ap-

proved study course book and either the Training Union or Sunday school will give credit for its study. You will like it. 60c in cloth from the Baptist Book Store.

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Wanted: The minutes of the following associations: Benton, Chickasaw, George, Itawamba, Wayne, Winston, Yazoo, Lawrence and Prentiss.

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Europe slaves and slaves for Hitler. You may save and save for U. S. defense bonds and stamps.

In Appreciation...

We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who visited San Antonio on the occasion of the recent convention.

We enjoyed having you with us. May you always retain the most pleasant memories of your stay in the Alamo City.

Come back again—often!

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Above is the ad of the San Antonio Hotels. The editor of the Baptist Record stayed at the Robert E. Lee. It was all that we could wish in a good hotel.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Ovett Joins the Parade

One by one Mississippi Baptist churches are adopting the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan. One of the latest is Ovett Baptist



REV. PAUL Z. BALL

Broadman Hymnals.

Their revival begins the week of June 14. They have accepted their Now Club quota.

In a letter to the editor, Pastor Ball says:

I am happy to report that Ovett Baptist Church has voted 100% to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan for The Record. We wish to get The Record into every home in our church, so that we can better inform our people about our Baptist work.

We are praying for a real revival during the week following the second Sunday in June. Pray for us that we may do much for Christ.

Yours for the Master,

PAUL Z. BALL, Pastor.

Jackson

One of the last Pastors' Conferences held by Secretary McCall and the editor was at the First Baptist Church in Jackson. It was largely attended and the brethren seemed very much interested in all the work. Dr. Hewitt and his assistant, Henry Love, prepared a meal fit for a king. We believe many of these brethren are going to lead their churches even further in many phases of the work.

Hinds county Baptist Record circulation continues to grow, and we now have readers listed as follows: Beulah 1, BETHESDA 58, BYRAM 18, CLINTON 146, Edwards 2, CALVARY 762, PARKWAY 157, Davis Memorial 4, North Side 3, VAN WINKLE 44, Griffith 19, Jackson First 68, Jackson no church 36, SOUTHSIDE 56, LEARNED 16, Oakley 1, Old Men's Home 2, POCAHONTAS 20, Daniels 12, Bolton 1, RAYMOND 61, Salem 2, SIWELL 16, TERRY 74, Utica 6.

Magee

The final of twenty-two conferences was held at Magee where Pastor Parker and Lavon's Cafe took care of those present in a pleasing and delightful way. The attendance was good, in fact the private dining room of the Lavon's Cafe was filled absolutely to capacity. There just wasn't room for one more. We heard many expressions of appreciation of Pastor Parker and he seems to be growing in the love of his people. Several of the deacons spoke in appreciative terms of their pastors.

Simpson is another good Baptist Record county, and now has subscriptions listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 23, BRAXTON 39, PINOLA 53, D'Lo 1, Kennedy Springs 10, MAGEE 97, MENDENHALL 76, Pine Grove 5, Pleasant Hill 15, Sanatorium 1, Shivers 6, STRONG RIVER 17, County Line 8, Jupiter 12, PLEASANT VALLEY 36, HARRISVILLE 52, STONEWALL 11, COATS 9.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ALUMNAE PLANS \$100,000 MEMORIAL TO MOTHER BERRY

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 30—At the annual meeting of the National Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association held today in Broach Hall, the Association voted unanimously to begin a movement to raise \$100,000 from the alumnae and friends of the college to establish a memorial to Mrs. M. L. (Mother) Berry by endowing the professorship of Bible in her honor. It is hoped that the effort may be completed by November 16, 1942, which is the 92nd anniversary of Mother Berry's birth, and when her portrait will be unveiled in the Mississippi Hall of Fame in Jackson.

The business sessions were held in the morning, Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, presiding at the senior alumnae meeting and Miss Frances Fraser, Memphis, Tenn., presiding at the meeting of the junior alumnae. The following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS, the whole world is now engaged in a struggle of tremendous magnitude which is shaking the foundation of our liberties and religious faith, and

"WHEREAS, the teachings and influences of Blue Mountain College have always inspired patriotism in its highest form and faith in a Supreme Ruler of all earthly affairs of government and state,

"Be It Therefore Resolved,

"That the National Student Alumnae Association of Blue Mountain College in convention assembled urge its members to lend their influences and prayers towards aiding the leaders of the allied nations in their efforts towards bringing about a righteous victory and a just peace, and

"Be It Further Resolved,

"That each member cooperate with defense authorities in their localities and serve their country in whatever line of war effort they are most fitted."

Preceding the luncheon, memorial services were conducted by Miss Wilma Green, Tupelo, and Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, for Mrs. M. L. Berry, Mrs. Lynn Lowrey Ray, and other alumnae who have died since the previous meeting.

At the luncheon the classes of 1892 and 1937, which held their reunions, were honored, Mrs. Paul Moore, Memphis, Tenn., acting as toastmistress.

Mrs. L. M. Gatlin, Blue Mountain, made the address of welcome at the general session in the afternoon, and Mrs. J. M. White, West Point, gave the response.

President Lawrence T. Lowrey presented the guest speaker, Dr. Susan Riley, associate professor of English, Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Riley said:

"Women as a group have profited by the major conflicts of our national history. After the Civil War came recognition of their legal and social rights. World War No. 1 gave great impetus to the economic and professional status of women. Already the present war indicates rapid gains for women in professional, business, and industrial fields."

Dr. Riley pointed out that while the present war will bring certain definite gains for women, definite hazards also will arise. "Woman's role in civilization has been one of conservation," she said. "Woman has conserved while man has destroyed. Women have the opportunity to conserve the ideals for which the present war is being fought, and to impart to the young of our country the desire to keep these things alive and active."

The speaker said "Women can influence the pattern of life after the war through advancing the public school system, higher education, day schools for children of mothers employed by industry, home conservation and security of the child, ideals of conduct and religion."

Dr. Riley called attention to the fact that a Confederate general, M. P. Lowrey pioneered in the education of women in Mississippi, when he founded Blue Mountain College, the oldest college for women in the state. "In 1873 when a carpet bag government was being established in the South, General Lowrey established Blue Mountain College, three years before Wellesley and twelve years before Bryn Mawr Colleges were founded."

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—Royal Service, February, 1942.

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Churches over-the-top this week:

Good Hope—Newton.

Hebron—Scott.

Wilkinson Memorial—Smith.

Ebenezer—Tate.

Flag Lake—Tate.

Strayhorn—Tate.

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No. 2566 for \$36, No. 2567 for \$36, No. 2568 for \$36, No. 2569 for \$36, No. 2570 for \$36, No. 2571 for \$36, No. 2572 for \$36, No. 2573 for \$36, No. 2574 for \$36, No. 2575 for \$36, No. 2576 for \$36, No. 2577 for \$36, No. 2578 for \$36, No. 2579 for \$36, No. 2580 for \$36, Kosciusko First in Attala (Hightower, field worker). No. 3483 for \$36, Hardy in Grenada. No. 3475 for \$36, Grace Memorial in Gulf Coast. No. 3480 for \$36, Clear Creek in Lafayette. No. 86 for \$500, Columbia First in Marion. No. 3481 for \$36, No. 3482 for \$36, Berwick in Mississippi.

No. 672 for \$50, No. 673 for \$50, Good Hope in Newton county (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3476 for \$36, Good Hope in Panola.

No. 708 for \$100, Good Hope in Scott (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2564 for \$36, No. 713 for \$100, No. 714 for \$100, No. 105 for \$250, Harpersville in Scott (Hightower, field worker).

No. 631 for \$50, No. 715 for \$100, Hebron in Scott (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2565 for \$36, Ludlow in Scott (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2581 for \$36, No. 630 for \$50, Wilkinson Memorial in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 736 for \$100, No. 737 for \$100, No. 738 for \$100, No. 739 for \$100, Cold Water in Tate (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 713 for \$50, Ebenezer in Tate (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 714 for \$50, Flag Lake in Tate (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 710 for \$50, No. 711 for \$50, No. 712 for \$50, Strayhorn in Tate (McLaurin, field worker).

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THE MASTER FORGOTTEN

Recently a prominent woman sat in her attorney's office discussing the writing of her will. After giving instructions concerning the bequests which she wished made, she said to the attorney, who was a friend of her family, "Have I forgotten anyone?" He thought a moment and then said, "Yes, you have forgotten your best friend. You have left nothing to Jesus." She thanked him and after some consideration changed the will, making a substantial bequest to a worthy Christian cause which was really very dear to her heart, but which she had thoughtlessly overlooked in arranging for the final disposition of her estate.

What an inspiration it would be and how helpful to the Baptist cause if some consecrated layman should be moved to follow the suggestion recently made by Bro. McCall and remember the Master by providing the funds for a Baptist building in Jackson. Such a building could be made an enduring memorial to the donor or to some loved one. Here it would stand forever bearing testimony to the generosity of a noble soul and at the same time it would provide more adequate quarters for the Convention Board, and enable the Board to use funds now being paid as rent for the benefit of all the causes which Baptists foster and support.

O. B. TAYLOR, Director,
Baptist Bequest Committee.

FIRST CHURCH, LAUREL, OBSERVES THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR L. G. GATES, 1905-1942

"THINGS THAT ENDURE"

Today, May the 24th, 1942, marks the beginning of the thirty-eighth year of Dr. L. G. Gates as the pastor of the Laurel First Baptist Church. Thirty-seven years continuous service in the pastorate of one church and ministry in one community is a label of leadership and faithfulness that marks the work of but few pastors. Certainly the work of these years, a work indelibly stamped upon the church and life of the community, bears testimony to the fact that Doctor Gates is a man of God who has presented himself a living sacrifice in the ministry of the gospel and in service for others.

In the beginning of his ministry here Dr. Gates, as a gospel preacher and a Christian citizen, had a vision of the work of the Christian church and an ideal for the Christian life. His vision and his ideal were motivated by the living Christ implanted in the heart of a redeemed soul and the everlasting consciousness of the power of God in a life dedicated to Jesus Christ and the gospel ministry. Armed with a definite knowledge of his own salvation and the call of God to preach the gospel, and schooled in the Word of Truth and empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, this pastor was endowed with the conviction and the courage to bear the message of truth and light, and wage the battle of right against sin and blight. He went forth upon his knees in prayer with his church and with faith in the promises of God. Faith and courage were built up by the victories in Christ and the knowledge of God increased with the work and sacrifices of this people in the ministry of the gospel and living for others.

The work of this pastor and church has prospered. It is like the City set upon an hill. Laurel has grown from 7,500 population to three times that number. Her commercial and industrial and institutional life has flourished. She has kept pace with the advances of the decades of her time. The arts and sciences have rushed us forward. The claims of a material age have been attractive and profitable, and the progress of this generation in the comforts of life and accommodations to easy living has scored a record in the things of the world. These may or may not endure. Only as they have the stamp of God upon them will they remain. This church has trebled in membership, and grown twelve times in financial gain. Are these the enduring things? Are these of first importance in the picture of thirty-seven years work?

Second, This pastor upon bended knees with an open Bible lead in the fight to overcome error with truth. None of us know the hours of labor and compassionate tears that have gone into the preaching of the gospel that men might know the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and be turned from the practices of error in faith and doctrine. This work has been wrought out in prayer and anguish of soul that the people might rightly know the way of salvation and walk in the newness of life.

Third, This pastor early in his ministry placed himself in the midst of children and young people that they might not be snatched away by wolves, nor their inheritance taken away by thieves. He proclaimed the moral laws and plead for safety and purity in the lives of parents and in the practices of the community that the children might not be swallowed up in shame and waste. He called for the altars at the firesides and thrust out a righteous hand for the schools and public places. He cried for a lighthouse in the homes and the churches and threw out a life line to the wayward and the homeless. Surely this great work has not been done in vain.

Fourth, This pastor has made a search to know God. In his search to know God he has appropriated God, and has learned to love the things of God. Through the revelation of God in Jesus Christ he has come to understand God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit in his ministry he has come to impart God in a way that causes others to believe and accept God through Jesus Christ. This is revealed in an inward manifestation and experience in his own heart and life, which is understandably expressive of God to others through the Holy Spirit. Even the ungodly man recognizes the man of God. Thus the pastor is able to enter into Christian fellowship with men in a definite measure, and to have a compassionate understanding of their hearts and needs. This is certainly a ministry beyond any computation of price.

Fifth, This pastor is a living example of the boldness and courage required to be a magnetic preacher of the gospel. The things which are right are definitely opposed to the things that are wrong. There must be a correct knowledge of righteousness to firmly and vigorously oppose sin. Confidence in the leadership of this pastor and a firm conviction for the cause of righteousness have sustained this church through the years, and shall continue to be a mighty bulwark in our progress.

Sixth, His power in prayer and compassionate heart in hours of distress and need make Brother Gates a blessing and a helper to many hundreds. In hours of trial his presence brings relief and trust, his words give comfort and rest. His visit brings gladness and cheer. His living is a challenge to the higher and nobler things.

Seventh, This pastor and church have a mind and heart and purse for missions. The distress and sin and suffering of peoples and nations without God and the gospel of Jesus Christ have a heart call in this church. There is no joy like that which comes from sending the gospel message, and the things common to Christian lands to those who are in darkness of soul and in need of the "bread of life."

Surely on this anniversary date it is worthwhile to pause and recount the things in the lives of this pastor and people that shall endure. Certainly this review should strengthen and inspire us to make new goals and to "press forward to the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." — Bulletin, First Church, Laurel. (The church also made Dr. Gates a dollar a year man and presented him with \$37.00, one dollar for each year as pastor. This was in addition to the check for \$1,800.00 which the church gave Dr. Gates on Oct. 19, 1941, when they dedicated their church, Editor).

PACHUTA INTERMEDIATES GIVE COMIC CHARACTERS PARTY

The Pachuta Baptist Intermediate Training Union had a "Comic Strip Character" party on May 14.

Games were played in the home of Mrs. R. E. Covington. The leader, Mrs. H. E. McCormack, was absent due to

illness of a relative. Among those taking part were Winton Beaver, Hilmon Castle, Elizabeth Covington, Brannon Castle, Florine Early, Lavere Early, Felton Keyes, Harold Keyes, Charleen Lightsey, Mary Ann McCormack, Nettie Pearl Horbrook and Modest Buns.

WHAT YOUR STATE MISSION MONEY DOES

"WHAT YOUR STATE MISSION MONEY MEANS IN PASTOR'S AID"

By W. S. Allen

It means far more than most people realize. What it means can only be fully realized by one engaged in this kind of work. There are difficulties and discouragements to be faced on a mission field that tax to the limit the strongest heart. Often the Missionary Pastor finds himself surrounded by multitudes of unreached and undeveloped people. In some of our mission fields false doctrines abound, prejudices and evils of all sorts have to be met and overcome. In other of our mission fields the Missionary Pastor finds himself overshadowed by strong churches of other denominations with fine well located and equipped church buildings, full time and well supported pastors or priests. To attempt to carry on the work under such conditions with no assurance of financial support is depressing and discouraging in the extreme. State mission money relieves the Missionary Pastor of the burden of economic uncertainty. In our mission fields often we find a shifting population and the financial support is uncertain. No pastor can do his best work when he is constantly faced with uncertainty as to his financial support. He is in the front line and just as our soldiers, fighting in the front line of our country, need to feel that they have the solid and united support of their country so the Missionary Pastor needs to feel that he has the support of folks back at home.

This aid is also a great help and

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas our dearly beloved friend and brother, James Everett Stevens, passed away in the New Albany Hospital, April 6, 1942, we the members of Tiptersville Baptist Church wish to pay tribute to the memory of our beloved brother. We know we have this blessed assurance that he has gone to his heavenly home.

To his faithful wife and family, our heartfelt sympathy is extended. And we pray that the Holy Spirit may comfort and sustain his family and loved ones in this hour of their bereavement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be published in The Baptist Record.

J. J. JOHNSON,
FRED McCOY,
MRS. M. W. MARTIN,
Committee.

encouragement to the mission churches. Many of them are not able to carry on the work as it should be done. It isn't easy to stand up and carry on when all the odds are against you. Many of our mission churches are surrounded by overwhelming odds. In this war many points of great importance have been lost because of lack of support or inadequate support of our fighting forces. Mission money for pastor's aid means life or death to many of our struggling mission fields. "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak." Acts 20:35.

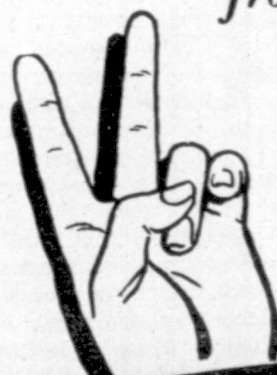
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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Ridgecrest

Applications are still coming in for places on the Ridgecrest buses for Sunday School Week, July 11-17. The total round-trip transportation cost is only \$7.50. Send in your application right away for a place on one of these buses.

The Leake County Association has done a most noble thing in their plan to send at their expense to Ridgecrest their Sunday school associational superintendent, Rev. A. A. Ward, and also his wife. This is a good suggestion and one that might be well followed by many other associations. Your superintendent will be in better position to do a greater work if he has the benefits and blessings of this great Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, July 11-17.

Vacation Bible Schools

Although May is just the beginning of the Vacation Bible school period, and not at all the biggest month in this, we have already received several reports of excellent schools held. We hope that the principals of all these schools held this year will send in promptly their reports so that there may be no delay in having a complete record of 1942's work.

We are not at all surprised to hear already of several conversions in the few vacation schools held thus far. What a wonderful opportunity there is in these schools for so impressing spiritual truths upon the minds and hearts of our boys and girls of these young years that many lost ones come to know Jesus definitely as their Saviour. In view of this very thing, we urge most definitely upon every pastor and superintendent the matter of having a vacation school this year. The programs are the very finest, with a definite theme for a full week, or as many weeks as the school may run, and with every Bible story and every character story planned carefully to fit into the theme of the week. Let's make 1942 our greatest year in Vacation Bible school work. The results are so rich that this item deserves every consideration that we may give it. Do not fail your boys and girls now for that that will help them throughout life.

Attala Association

Rev. H. H. Ward, Kosciusko, associational Sunday school superintendent of Attala Association, has recently completed a splendid training course at New Salem church, teaching "Building a Standard Sunday School." The interest was fine and the people greatly encouraged because of that week of training.

He also states that plans are being made to teach several such courses in the county with one church as the center and two or three other nearby churches attending. These central training schools with a few churches forming a group can be most helpful in reaching with a training course many of our un-reached churches.

If all of our associational superintendents would do as Brother Ward and several others plan to do this year, we would reach literally hundreds of our churches with a training course

that will not have one unless something is planned through the association for reaching them. Success to every effort by every one in the great program of teaching and training our people to be better workmen for the Lord.

Mrs. Albert McGraw

One of the finest pieces of young people's work being done in the state is that of Mrs. Albert McGraw, superintendent of the young people's department of the Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson. We do not forget the splendid contribution being made by her associates and teachers in the department.

That department has the unusual distinction of having four of the seven standard young people's classes in Mississippi at this time. In fact, they have just about reached the most difficult point in standardizing their department. We hereby express to Mrs. McGraw and her able helpers our most sincere thanks for this very excellent record. We wish for them every success in this noble undertaking.

Standard

The Cheerful Helpers Junior class, Mendenhall, Mrs. R. H. Mitchell, teacher, has joined our standard list. Thanks and congratulations!

Adults at Ridgecrest

Of course, nearly every one who goes to Ridgecrest will be an adult, but those who work with adults who may go to the Sunday School Conference will be interested to know something of the program. When you reach Ridgecrest July 11 or 12 and register at Pritchell Hall, a beautiful program booklet carrying all programs of the several divisions of the conference will be given to the registrant. In this booklet will be found the complete program for the adult division. The daily themes begin Monday with "Fundamentals of Adulthood"; Tuesday: "The Fundamental Purpose of the Sunday School for Adults"; Wednesday: "Implementing Sunday School Fundamentals for Adults"; Thursday: "Training in Sunday School Fundamentals for Adults"; concluding Friday with "The Fundamental Place of Adults in the World Today." It is regretted lack of space forbids mentioning the strong personnel.

Wednesday evening at the general conference period the adult division is to present a significant demonstration on the engaging subject: "Adult Promotion." Since our program is not competitive, we are urging pastors, general superintendents, department superintendents, and other department and class officers and teachers to be with us. The program, speakers and leaders will face the "NOW" and the future for men and women in the world and the Kingdom today.

Do what you can with what you have. Buy U. S. defense bonds and stamps.

DR. J. P. KIRKLAND WILL MAKE ADDRESS AT PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH

Licensed Dr. Gambrell

Dr. J. P. Kirkland, New Albany, will make the principal address at the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church centennial Sunday, June 7. Others on the program are Rev. J. M. Randolph, Jack Randolph, Miss Ola Williams, Cecil Owen, J. M. Pannell, F. M. Hill, W. T. Darling and Audie L. Mays.

Pleasant Ridge is located in the hills of Northeast Mississippi, a few miles south of Dumas, in Tippah County. From an organization of nine members the church has grown to a membership of more than 527, the First Baptist Church of New Albany being the only church of the denomination in the county with a larger membership.

This historic church is said to have sent more of its sons into Christian service than has any other Baptist church in Mississippi.

If one calls the roll of the immortals of Southern Baptist history, he is sure to find many of these names on the time-worn records of Pleasant Ridge. There was James B. Gambrell, rated by thousands as "the noblest Roman of them all." Dr. Gambrell was licensed to preach by Pleasant Ridge Church in 1866. It was under the pastorate of the Rev. S. D. Kendall, says the record, that J. B. Gambrell "was privileged to preach." It was in this community that Jim Gambrell, who was to become a dashing and daring Confederate officer, and later a powerful pulpit orator and brilliant editor, grew into manhood.

It was to his mother's home here that he brought his war bride from old Virginia. Still a member of this church is Jim Gambrell's double-first cousin, Mrs. Corrie Gambrell Hill. Although she is an invalid, her mind is keen and her memory remarkable.

On July 21, 1843, Elder P. Skally was secured as first pastor. The first deacons were M. F. Berry, Elias E. Garrison, J. F. Harrington and Joel B. Gambrell.

In June, 1864, the church house "fell down" and a school house was used for a short time. A new church house was built in 1867. On April 20, 1920, a tornado swept this building away, and a modern brick veneer building was erected and is being worshipped in to this day. Accurate records of the church were kept with the exception of the period from March, 1862 to June, 1864 when raids by the Federal forces prevented this. The first Sunday School was organized in 1859.

—BR—

Before Clarence Darrow died in 1937 he entered into a pact with his friend Claude Noble to go to Jackson Park and listen for a message from him. In March he went for the fourth time, repeated the Lord's Prayer and said, "Clarence Darrow, I am here in fulfillment of the pact that we made with each other." No message has yet been received from the great agnostic lawyer.

—BR—

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE NEWS

The Mississippi College summer school has opened with a good enrollment. Over two hundred registered the day classes began and the new students are still coming, according to reports from President D. M. Nelson. Another summer term will begin July 6th.

This week marks the beginning of the new plan of consolidation of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges. The girls are living on the Hillman campus where Mrs. Howard Spell is dean of women and M. P. L. Berry is general manager. Boys continue to live on the Mississippi College campus.

The publication of the new catalogue has been delayed due to organization of courses in home economics and other subjects of interest to girls, and because of the arrangement of courses for boys and girls who under the new accelerated program wish to graduate in less than three years.

Prospects for next year are most encouraging. Even before the catalogues are mailed out, enough room deposits for September engagements have already been reserved to entirely fill two of the buildings on the Hillman campus and half fill the third. Those who are interested should write at once for information.

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MARK LOWRY ENTERS CHAPLAINCY

On Sunday morning, May 24, I announced to my people that I had been appointed chaplain in the army and ordered to active duty. At the evening service, after a business session in the afternoon, the church unanimously granted me a leave of absence, requesting my family to occupy the pastor's home. They already know whom they want for a supply and arrangements are being completed for his coming.

The magnanimous attitude and action of my people rejoice my heart and make me love them more than ever. I know that my entire congregation is back of me in my arduous undertaking, praying for me as I pray for them. May God keep them every one.

Yours sincerely,
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January 24—April 18, 1943

SOUTHERN SECTION January 24—February 21 Week of Jan. 24

Associations

1. George
2. Greene
3. Gulf Coast
4. Jackson
5. Pearl River
6. Perry

Week of Jan. 31 Associations

1. Franklin
2. Lawrence
3. Lebanon
4. Marion
5. Mississippi
6. Pike

Week of Feb. 7 Associations

1. Jeff Davis
2. Jones
3. Smith
4. Jasper
5. Walthall
6. Wayne

Week of Feb. 14 Associations

1. Clarke
2. Copiah
3. Covington
4. Lincoln
5. Simpson
6. Union
7. Liberty

CENTRAL SECTION February 21—March 21 Week of Feb. 21

Associations

1. Bolivar
2. Deer Creek
3. Lauderdale
4. Madison
5. Rankin
6. Scott

Week of Feb. 28 Associations

1. Hinds-Warren
2. Kemper
3. Leake
4. Newton
5. Sunflower
6. Zion

Week of March 7 Associations

1. Carroll
2. Holmes
3. Leflore
4. Montgomery
5. Neshoba
6. Yazoo

Week of March 14 Associations

1. Clay
2. Columbus
3. Choctaw
4. New Choctaw
5. Noxubee
6. Oktibbeha

NORTHERN SECTION March 21—April 18 Week of March 21

Associations

1. Attala
2. Grenada
3. Pontotoc
4. Riverside
5. Tallahatchie
6. Yalobusha

Week of March 28 Associations

1. Calhoun
2. Chickasaw
3. Monroe
4. Tate
5. Union County

Week of April 4 Associations

1. Itawamba
2. Lafayette
3. Lee
4. Panola
5. Prentiss
6. Winston

Week of April 11 Associations

1. Alcorn
2. Benton
3. DeSoto
4. Marshall
5. Tishomingo
6. Tippah

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L. A. McKinney, Carthage, Texas.
Joe McLain, First, Guthrie, Okla.
Ura W. Malcolm, Shirley Memorial,
Harrod's Creek, Ky.
W. T. Miller, Handsboro, Miss.
Clarence A. Moore, Greenville, New
Mex.
Glen Moore, Pine Island, Caddo
Parish, La.
J. F. Murrell, First, Hugo, Okla.
J. F. Neville, Hailey's Grove, Crab
Orchard, Tenn.
W. D. Nowlin, supply, First, Punta
Gorda, Fla.
Max O'Neal, Fort Gaines, Ga.
J. Wallace Owen, Rock Springs
Tenn.

E. P. Pendley, Grove Hill, Ala.
L. Reed Polk, First, Madison, Ga.
E. D. Pope, Mt. Calm, Viola, Ark.
Jarrel Rowe, Leonard, Ark.
Reed Rushing, First, Lake City,
Tenn.
A. L. Sanders, Mt. Beulah, Wades-
boro, N. C.
B. B. Sawyer, First, Pulaski, Va.
J. E. Sharp, Bells, Tenn.
A. C. Shell, Flomaton, Ala.
James Shugrue, Sand Ridge, Ill.
Tom Simms, Evangeline, La.
James Smith, Eller Memorial,
Greensboro, N. C.

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H. C. Morrison, Elizabethton, Tenn.
W. L. Stevens, Houghton, La.
R. V. Thompson, Shawnee, Okla.
J. W. Trower, Chillicothe, Mo.
Henry A. Tupper, Richmond, Va.
W. C. Worrell, Little Rock, Ark.

Resigned

Grover W. Splawn, Central Church,
Bearden, Tenn.
James H. Sulley, First, Punta Gorda,
Fla.
D. D. Sumrall, Hillcrest Church,
Dallas, Texas.
A. A. Thacker, Olivet, Howell county,
Ky.
P. D. Walker, Blacksville, S. C.
Leonard Whitlock, Seminary Hill,
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NOTE: The entire program is suggestive only. Church members may not be told "what to do." It is mighty fine to have them playing the game, though according to the rules of the game. The ones who do that are the ones who are used of God in carrying on His work. So it is in the denomination.

If a slight change in the plan is best for your situation, go ahead, make the change.

Just see that your association and church have a part in this great evangelistic effort.

—BR—

CLARKE COLLEGE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Friday night, May 22, marked the close of one of the most successful years in recent history from every standpoint for Clarke Memorial College, which has made progress during the last nine months in practically every phase of its activity. In spite of war conditions, Clarke was able to boast a 40% increase over last year's enrollment. Many physical improvements were made on the grounds and buildings, and the students and faculty members enjoyed a deep spiritual atmosphere seldom rivaled on this campus or any other, culminated by a week's revival led by Chester Swor in April.

Dr. W. R. Cooper, pastor of the Baptist Church at Tylertown, delivered

the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 17, at the Newton Baptist Church. On Thursday night, May 21, the Baptist Student Union sponsored a campfire service on the ball field, with Buin Spain, outstanding member of the graduating class and retiring B. S. U. president, leading.

The new flag pole erected on the campus by the graduating class, was dedicated Friday afternoon at 1:30, with Miss Melba Lee Hill of Hanceville, Ala., president of the class, in charge. That afternoon at 4, Hon. Knox Huff, lawyer of Forest, delivered the commencement address, and President F. E. May awarded the diplomas to the graduates.

The final event on the week's program was the annual Alumni Banquet, Friday night, May 22, in the college dining hall. Dr. J. F. Carter

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE SPEEDING UP J. E. Dillard

Southern Baptists are speeding up in the payment of the debts upon Southwide causes. Here are the figures for the last six Convention years.

Paid on principal of Southwide debt:	
1936-1937	\$392,222.29
1937-1938	394,619.97
1938-1939	363,406.93
1939-1940	434,363.00
1940-1941	482,810.91
1941-1942	837,480.77

Totals in 6 years ----\$2,904,903.87

Balance of debt principal May 1, 1942, \$1,746,856.26.

Southern Baptists ought to speed up more. It is five minutes of twelve by the clock of destiny. Christian civilization has reached a crisis. Jesus is our only hope. We must make Him and His will known everywhere. The times call for utmost loyalty, unselfish service, supreme sacrifice. We must not fail Him.

Southern Baptists can speed up more in the payment of these debts. Not half of our people are doing anything about it. And not half of these are doing much. Every loyal Baptist should do his best. We have the money and we have the urgency. Let's finish the job.

Southern Baptists will speed up when all our pastors and other leaders urge them to do so. Our people have the money and they want the debts

of Louisville, former president of the school, was the guest speaker. Approximately one hundred plates were served, and old classmates experienced an alumni reunion that was an inspiration to all.

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THE TITHING CORNER

PASTOR LEADS MEMBERSHIP TO TITHING

There seems to be no way of drawing a definite line to determine the maximum of accomplishments of a church people but any church that takes the Christ Way religiously can, and will reach some mighty high objectives. That is just what has happened at the 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg in recent months under the inspirational leadership of Pastor Loyd M. Chapman.

Strange it is how a people can be so hastily transformed from a matter-of-fact way of doing things into the other extreme, but interesting nevertheless.

Your correspondent was a member of the budget committee of the church, and we actually settled on a figure for 1942 that seemed far above the anticipated offerings from the membership.

The pastor came back with a sermon on Tithing, and followed this sermon with three lectures on: Using My Influence; My Talents and My Money For God. He brought the men together in the organization of a Brotherhood to work in close cooperation with the Training Union. Candidates were nominated to bring the Board of Deacons up to seven members. Simultaneously there came a unanimous resolution from the Brotherhood to embark on an all-out Tithing Program. This last served as a tonic to stimulate and bring to action a church membership that had long believed tithing to be God's plan of financing churches. Thirty or more members immediately met the challenge, and offerings began growing.

The result, Sunday, May 10, was that the weekly budget figures were almost doubled. All existing records of giving have been smashed in this church, and the membership is convinced that unheard of accomplishments can come about with God's people when they will, with a united front, "Humble Themselves and Pray, and Seek My Face;" and with a united purpose follow the leadership of their pastor.—Kiah F. Smith, Church Reporter.

—BR—

The London Baptist Property Board, Ltd., reports that it is carrying loans on about 100 London churches and they are entirely up to date with their interest payments.—Watchman-Examiner. Many of these church buildings have been destroyed by bombs.

The Southern Baptist Hospital Board, which met in New Orleans recently, authorized the erection of a \$60,000 building to provide the urgently needed facilities for caring for workers in largely expanded war industries.

WHITE SAND, JEFF DAVIS COUNTY: On May 10 we received an offering of \$11.39 for the China Relief Fund, making a total of \$55.49 over a period of two weeks contributed by a quarter-time church. God is blessing us. Our people see the need and are trying to do their part in meeting it.—Joe W. Hudson, Pastor.

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➔ GRAY'S OINTMENT

THE GREAT REVIVAL
(Continued from Page Eight)

brought to him by the young converts, the fruits of their prayer meetings. Today I rode twelve miles. All along the way, regiments, battalions and brigades were encamped, and here and there on the wayside I saw men sitting down reading their Testaments and tracts. Brother Renfro expects, this week, to baptize thirty-five. Brother Cundy has baptized sixty. I suppose that fully 500 have united with the Baptist church since the army has been here. At Gordonsville I found a precious revival in progress. I preached twice to large congregations at that place, and in the afternoon witnessed the baptism of eleven, making thirty-seven baptized by Brother Howerton, of Cook's Brigade. Permit me to say, that I find our evangelists and colporteurs are greatly encouraged. Almost every sermon they preach is being blessed to the spiritual good of some soul, while the pages of truth they distribute are eagerly read. We need, however, funds to support those engaged in this good work. I beg that the pastors and churches at home will keep us provided with the needed contributions. Religion is everywhere apparent.

—A. E. Dickinson.

"Never have I seen any class of persons so appreciative of the Gospel as the Confederate soldiers generally. So far as my observation has extended, it is only necessary for a few sermons to be preached, in any regiment or brigade, to secure the conviction and conversion of sinners. A general predisposition to religion is everywhere apparent. Thousands, who, in the beginning of the war, were not only thoughtless, but profane and reckless, are now either happy Christians or trembling inquirers. It is impossible for those who have not been in the army to form a correct idea of the amount of interest manifested throughout the ranks. If many of the pastors of churches would 'steal away' from their home labors, and go to the army, they would feel amply repaid for any little sacrifice of comfort incident to camp life, by seeing that their 'work of faith was not in vain in the Lord.' Brethren and sisters of the churches, send your pastors for a few weeks, at least, to publish salvation to perishing sinners in the army. They will return to you far better qualified to promote your spiritual interests, by reason of their sojourn among the soldiers. I have witnessed, during the summer, the hopeful conversion of some hundreds of souls, although I have preached to comparatively few brigades of the army. It is estimated that more than 2,000 soldiers have professed religion in General Lee's army since their return from Maryland."

"I may not now recall even the names of all the brigades in which revivals were reported and can enter into very few details in the space at my command. But in August, September, October and November, 1863, revivals were reported in Smith's Virginia, Gordon's Georgia, Mahone's Virginia, Hay's Louisiana, Wright's Georgia, Wilcox's Alabama, Posey's Mississippi, Hamseur's North Carolina, Doles' Georgia, Scales' North Carolina, Thomas' Georgia, J. M. Jones' Virginia, Battle's Alabama, Kemper's Virginia, Armistead's Virginia, Corse's Virginia, Garnett's Virginia, Hoke's North Carolina, Benning's Georgia, Kershaw's South Carolina, Daniel's North Carolina, David's Mississippi, Kirkland's North Carolina, Semmes' Georgia, Barksdale's Mississippi, Jenkins' South Carolina, Law's Alabama, Anderson's Georgia, Stewart's Virginia, Stonewall's Virginia, Iverson's North Carolina, Cooke's North Carolina, H. H. Walker's Virginia, and a number of the artillery battalions and cavalry regiments."

Nor did the mighty work of grace show any abatement during those tragic

months embraced in the winter of 1864 and the spring of 1865. Of this period Dr. J. W. Jones says:

"The severe weather of the winter and early spring made outdoor services rarely possible, and the skies had scarcely begun to smile upon us when General Grant crossed the Rapidan. Lee at once advanced and attacked him, and there ensued the death-grapple from 'the wilderness' to Petersburg, when we marched or fought, or were busy entrenching nearly every day. And then, followed by the siege of Petersburg, and defense of Richmond, when our little army (reduced at last to 33,000 men to guard forty miles of entrenchments) was on starvation rations, and was yet forced to do an amount of marching, fighting, digging and watching that would have exhausted much sooner any other troops of which history gives an account, and all of which was very decidedly unfav-

orable to religious services, or any evangelical work among the soldiers.

"And yet the good work went graciously on, there were precious seasons along the line of the Rapidan up to the very opening of the campaign. Many were converted on the march, in the trenches, on the battlefield, in the hospital—and the Richmond and Petersburg lines, despite their scenes of carnage and blood, were made glorious by the presence of Christ in the trenches.

(Concluded Next Week)

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A good example—Seventh Day Adventists, numbering 500,000, have contributed in tithes during the past seven years \$44,000,000. What would happen if the 11,000,000 Baptists of America followed the Biblical plan and gave each year a tithe of their income?

The King's Business

"The King's business requireth haste." I Samuel 21:8.

Bonds called and interest coupons are coming in like falling snowflakes, as we write.

They will be drifting in, very likely, until the 15th or 20th of this month.

Therefore, time remains for all Mississippi Baptists to yet have a part in this bond call—probably Mississippi Baptist's biggest single cash transaction.

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